

Visual arts syllabus

2012-2013

Instructor: Mrs. Crandell

"A line is a dot that went for a walk." – Klee

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Course Description

The visual arts program at Grass Lake Middle School involves grades 6, 7 and 8 for nine-week class terms. The course is designed to develop student's artistic understanding and creative process. During each nine-week interval, students will create artwork using various artistic methods and media, study famous artists throughout time, and gather an appreciation and knowledge of art processes and critiquing skills.

Students will be working with various materials throughout the class including, but not limited to found objects, plastics, paint, charcoal, sharpies, watercolor, paper, wood, crayon, magazines, reed, books, pastels, wire, foam, etc.

Class Schedule

Art 6: 8:18 – 9:17

Art 8: 9:20 – 10:20

Art 7: 10:23 – 11:22

Assessment

50% Projects

50% Participation

*25 Participation points will be awarded weekly

**Projects range from 25 to 100 points

Grading Scale

Percentage	Letter Grade	Percentage	Letter Grade
100% - 93%	A	76.9% - 73%	C
92.9% - 90%	A-	72.9% - 70%	C-
89.9% - 87%	B+	69.9% - 67%	D+
86.9% - 83%	B	66.9% - 63%	D
82.9% - 80%	B-	62.9% - 60%	D-
79.9% - 77%	C+	59% or below	F

Each project will be graded with an accompanying rubric or critique/evaluation sheet.

Materials Needed:

If you have any of the following that you could donate to our art course, it would be greatly appreciated:

Magazines

Wire (14 gauge and up)

Yarn

Clorox or Lysol Wipes

Expected Behaviors

- All students are expected to follow the rule and guidelines outlined in the planner
- All students are expected to come to class on time and prepared with all materials, including pencil, planner, assignments, & silent reading book
- All students are expected to be respectful at all times
- All students are expected to adhere to the classroom rules, behaviors and directions
- All students are expected to return classroom materials in the manner in which they received them. All art materials must be left in the art room unless given permission by the teacher.

Classroom Rules & Behaviors

- **RESPECT!** Have it for yourself, your teachers, your classmates, your school and your class materials.
- Have your planner- ALWAYS!
- Be on time!
- Participate!
- Be creative!

Consequences for not following the rules:

First Offense: Warning

Second Offense: Dismissal to hall and Thursday morning detention with detention notice that requires parent signature or call to parent

Third Offense: Dismissal to office, written referral to the principal and Thursday morning detention with detention notice that requires parent signature or call to parent

I reserve to right to amend consequences as I deem it appropriate, depending on the seriousness and frequency of disruptive behaviors.

Missing Assignments:

Due to the special nature of art coursework, missing assignments or projects will be accepted late or modified to fit the nature of the original assignment. Each absence will be dealt with on a case by case basis and will be thoroughly discussed with the student so expectations are communicated clearly.

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Please detach and return to school for a grade

We have read and understand the rules and expectations from Mrs. Crandell's art course.

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Student Name (print please): _____ Hour: _____