



3-D Art & Design Course Overview

8th grade Semester Elective

Teacher: Ms. Block

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Course Fee: \$20

This semester elective is based on visual problem solving in a 3-Dimensional format. During the first nine weeks, assignments are designed so students learn several ways to work with clay by hand and on the pottery wheel. Sculptural styles & 3-D design will be the focus during the second half of the semester. Students will be challenged with assignments that will allow them to explore new art mediums such as: metal, carving foam, wire, plaster wrap, wood, etc. Assignment criteria will emphasize skill development in the following areas: value, color, line, texture, space, proportion, movement, repetition, pattern, balance, and composition. In addition to meeting the stated criteria, students are required to write personal artist's statements and complete self-evaluations about their artwork.

COURSE OUTLINE:

- Understanding clay properties and preventing mishaps
- Hand-built clay methods: modeling of a creature or figure, slab building to form a container, & mask-making
- Pottery Wheel
- Decorating your work: painting, glazing, underglazing, enameling powder
- Additive sculpture methods: paper mache, plaster, and/or metal
- Subtractive sculpture methods: Carving
- Assemblage: Found Object Sculpture
- Study a variety of artists and cultural art forms throughout history

MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- A pencil and eraser will be needed everyday in class.
- A shoebox or other small box is needed for storing individual supplies.

**Locker passes will not be given out if you forget your supplies, so please come prepared.

THE COURSE FEE:

Because this class is an elective, a course fee is charged to cover the cost of supplies. The \$20 fee for this class pays for many of the materials, specifically: glazes, underglazes, acrylic paint, wire, sheet metal, jewelers saw blades & emery papers, jewelry findings, carving material, plaster wrap, wood, raffia, foam board, fabric, etc. Due to the heavy use of the kiln and electric/hand tools in this class, two dollars out of the twenty dollar fee are used toward kiln and tool maintenance.

**Welcome to 3-D Art & Design!
It's going to be a fun semester!**

ASSESSMENT is based on the following:

COMPLETED ARTWORK (Summative Work)

Criteria for studio work will be given at the beginning of each assignment.

A general format for assessing studio work is as follows:

- a. Creation of a drawn/sketched plan for the assignment before starting with materials
- b. Originality and creativity of the idea/approach and follow-through of the idea
- c. Effective use of design elements and principles: color, line, value, shape, texture, balance, rhythm, positive and negative space, pattern, and repetition
- d. Craftsmanship and effective use of art materials to create a strong design
- e. Completeness of artwork
- f. Other specific criteria based on the individual assignment.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS:

Students are expected to complete written reflections and self-evaluations with certain projects. A written assessment/portfolio summary will be given at the end of the semester. This assessment is summative and will count toward the final grade.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

- **RESPECT:** All students are expected to be respectful of the teacher, fellow students, and the materials/tools in the art room. This means: tolerating others' ideas, listening to Ms. Block and following the directions given, using tools properly, cleaning up after yourself, etc. **Criticizing others, name-calling, and disrupting class time will not be tolerated.**
- **PARTICIPATION:** Students are expected to participate in class discussions and daily activities. This also means using your class time wisely. Your parents will be notified if you are not participating or staying on-task.
- **ONE WARNING & HOL's:** If you are off-task or not following classroom rules, you will be asked to reset yourself. If the behavior continues, you will be given an HOL (Habits of Learning) sheet & asked to go to the office. HOL forms may require a phone call to your parents.
- **BEING PREPARED FOR CLASS:** **A pencil & eraser should be brought to class daily.** Locker passes will not be issued if you forget your materials.
- **PASSES:** If you need to go to the bathroom, you must sign out on the sheet by the door with the time that you leave, destination, and the time you return. You are allowed 3 passes per quarter.
- **TARDINESS:** Students are expected to be in the classroom at the start of the class period.
3 tardies = 1 lunch detention
- **FOOD:** Food and beverages (other than water) are not allowed in the art room for safety reasons. Spilled liquids and foods can also destroy artwork. I will allow you to get a drink from the drinking fountain during work time, but you must get permission in order to leave the classroom.
- **ABSENCES & STAYING ON TRACK:** It is important to stay caught up with projects/assignments. Assignments that you fall behind on will need to be made up outside of class time (before school in the a.m., after school, or at home).