

BFMS Art
2013-2014
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Course Description: The art program provides creative experiences for children at all levels. Learning art skills and exposure to varied media provide opportunities for students to explore art expression as a form of communication. The significance of art from other countries and from ancient cultures will be discussed to further the understanding and respect for diversity in our world from past to present.

Main Units of Study:

- Drawing – Observation drawing skills include seeing and perceiving space through direct observation, remembering, translating the 3-D to a 2-D surface, and recording the information with line, value and texture. Drawings may include still life, landscapes, nature, figure and/or portraits, realistic, abstract or fantasy.
- Painting – Exploration of a variety of paints and painting techniques including how to mix and use color.
- Sculpture or 3-D Design – Using either ceramic or air dry clay, students will learn building techniques including how to make a coiled pot, slab construction, and the pinch method. How to apply glaze for firing and using other coloring techniques for sculpture are explored. Wire, cardboard, plaster, or papier maché may also be used for 3-D constructions.

The goals of this class will allow students to:

- Strengthen their skills in seeing and thinking.
- Participate in critiques and begin to understand the creative process.
- Have exposure to artists and art movements.
- Demonstrate an understanding of value, line, texture, color, pattern, form, and composition in their work.
- Present ideas in written and oral forms.
- Understand appropriate craftsmanship.
- Maintain a collection of ideas and sketches.
- Establish a positive work ethic.
- Understand safety with art materials and tools.

Grading and Assignments: All students will be graded according to the BFMS Grading Rubric. Students are expected to actively participate in the learning environment, try new ideas and complete assignments. Students will demonstrate their learning in many different ways that include the following:

- Group Discussion
- Presenting
- Assessment with teacher
- Projects
- Displaying art work
- Writing

What students need to bring to art class:

- Pencil

School Expectations: IN ALL SETTINGS

RESPECT OURSELVES

- Be on task
- Do your best
- Work cooperatively

RESPECT OTHERS

- Follow Directions
- Keep hands, feet & other objects off others
- Share/help others

RESPECT PROPERTY

- Recycle
- Clean up after yourself
- Use materials appropriately

Class rewards will be given at the end of the trimester and will be determined by individual classes.

Sincerely,

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