

Welcome to Art!

As the new marking period gets underway, I would like to make you aware of some key points that will be helpful to keep in mind as our art class progresses.

Class requirements: Students are required to bring a pencil, eraser, and their sketchbook to class each day. Students will receive a class preparation/participation grade in PowerSchool each week based on being prepared and participating in class daily.

*Students will create a sketchbook at the beginning of the marking period in art class. This sketchbook is a long-term assignment that will be used throughout the marking period. The sketchbook will be collected and graded each Wednesday. The front and back cover of the sketchbook will be assessed at the end of the marking period. The sketchbook serves as the student's drawing sketchbook, art class notebook, homework, and folder for the marking period. Should the student lose their sketchbook they must make a new one.

Grading: Art grades are comprised of the following. Art projects, sketchbook, and classwork account for 80% of the final grade (this includes warm-ups, in class assignments, and closing activities). The sketchbook requirement is equivalent to a major project grade (100 points). There will be three to four major projects that will be worth between 100 and 110 points. Other classwork is scaled, in points, appropriately based on the difficulty and duration of the assignment. Art projects are graded using a standards based, district wide common assessment rubric. Students will receive a copy of their completed rubrics. Class preparation and participation is 20% of the final grade.

Behavior: All students are expected to observe the DV Five while in art class. The DV Five are: 1. Be responsible. 2. Be respectful. 3. Follow directions. 4. Keep hands and feet to self. 5. Be on time and be ready. The expectation of student classroom conduct is that all students will contribute to a positive and cooperative learning environment. This includes working quietly, without excessive talking, while in art class. The behavior management system is as follows: 1st offense - verbal warning. 2nd offense - a behavioral referral is initiated. Third offense - behavior referral is completed and sent to the office. Behavior referrals will be issued to students who demonstrate behavior that is non-conductive to the DV Five and a positive learning environment.

Please sign and return the attached form. This counts as a homework grade.

Sincerely,

Ms. Edmonds

DDMS Art Teacher

Should you need to contact me I can be reached at:

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I have read and understand the class requirements, grading procedure, and behavior expectations for art class.

Student name – print

Student signature

Date

Parent name – print

Parent signature

Date