

WMS Visual Arts Syllabus - Grades 6-8

Welcome to Ms. Kathy McMillan's Art Class!

Course Content:

In art class, our course of study will continue to challenge each student per grade level, as we focus upon completing the task of a final project per standard based unit. Understanding and mastering the elements of art and the principles of design are necessary to insure creative and organized individual expressions of art. Each student is exposed to various two and three-dimensional materials and mediums. We also focus on basic skills, research, discussion and brainstorming, various hands-on activities, critical thinking, problem solving, and how to critique visual art. They have opportunities to write informative bodies of literature about their works and those of other artists. Many lessons revolve around the appreciation of artists from different art movements and different cultures throughout history. We also stress the connections between visual art and core academic classes. Not only do the students get the opportunity for self-expression, but visual art can also build self-confidence and self-esteem.

Objectives:

- Students will create artworks using a variety of media and techniques.
- Students will identify major artists and styles.
- Students will explore historical and cultural relationships and their relevance in art.
- Students will connect visual arts to other core academics.
- Students will begin to analyze their own artwork, other student's work and the work of well-known artists through critiques and in-class writing.
- Students will develop their own style by creating sketches to plan for major art projects.
- Students will create work throughout the course that demonstrates increasing skill and ability.
- Students will research, plan, and sketch ideas necessary for successful outcomes on classwork and final projects.
- Students will improve their skills through learning new art vocabulary and concepts through classroom activities and projects.

Assessment:

Students will be accountable of all classwork and they will self-evaluate their projects. Classroom participation and final projects will be graded.

“Art is the journey of a free soul.”

-Alev Oguz

