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2023: Gifted Visual Arts Program Summer Assignment for 8th Grade Students.

Assignment Due Date: September 15, 2023

The first nine weeks of your 8th grade year will focus on portfolio development. This summer drawing assignment will help add to your portfolio and give you a strong start to your last year in the Gifted Visual Arts Program! This summer we are challenging you to create one finished art piece. This will be a work of art for your portfolio and should not be done in your sketchbook.

Choose paper that is appropriate for the media you are using. Drawing paper is for dry media and watercolor paper is for wet media. Paper size should be so smaller than 11"x14" and no larger than 22" x 24". Use this as an opportunity to experiment with media, techniques and approaches.

If you have the opportunity to this summer, visit the local art centers, galleries, art museums, and art festivals. Take your sketchbook with you to create sketches and take notes about what you see and experience! If you are able to visit the local library, look for art books and magazines to use as inspiration. *The Artist's Magazine* and *International Artist* are great sources of inspiration. Make sure you are creating unique artwork, not copying the work of others.

Summer Assignment: Concept based art piece

Chose one of the following prompts to use in the creation of an art piece and circle your choice.

1. Food for thought...
2. On the edge of...
3. What could possibly go wrong...
4. Speaking without words...
5. A brave start...
6. It started out as an unusual Monday morning, when I...

Thumbnail Sketches: Complete three thumbnail sketches of ideas in your sketchbook.

Completion Checklist: When you finish your drawing, complete this checklist.

- My drawing shows foreground, middle ground, and background.
- There are no "floating" objects. (The objects look grounded.)
- I did not cut out my drawing.
- The paper is not torn, wrinkled, or folded.
- I used an interesting composition that balances positive and negative space.
- I used a range of at least 5 values.
- There is little to no white of the paper showing.
- I completed the artist statement (see back of this paper).

Finally, this summer don't forget about your sketchbook!

Get a head start on adding entries to your sketchbook! Try to spend at least an hour each week drawing in your sketchbook this summer. Keeping a personal sketchbook is an important part of your portfolio.

Artist Statement

In the space below, explain the concept (main idea) behind your summer assignment. Write about how you connected the concept to the images in your work. What symbolism, if any, did you include in your work to communicate your idea? Use as many art vocabulary words as possible that relate to your drawing.

A large rectangular box containing 20 horizontal lines for writing the artist statement.

Your work and artist statement must be submitted together on September 15, 2023.