ART COURSE OUTLINE –GRADE 8

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<u>Outline of Course Content:</u> Art in the 8th grade looks to expose students to a large variety of art creation and self-expression.

Curriculum Breakdown

Self-Portraiture

This unit is an in depth look at drawing and shading the human face. Students learn the placement and proportions of the features of the face as well as how to capture details that make each person unique.

Painting

In this unit we explore watercolor painting. We learn techniques along with art history and combine the knowledge to create out our watercolor work of art.

Clay

The unit focuses on good building techniques, additive and subtractive methods of relief sculpting, and glazing.

Cooperative Art

In this unit we look at the career of painter Piet Mondrian. Students create an abstract landscape painting following the artist's style. We will paint using acrylic on canvas.

Please note: Art concepts will remain the same, however, projects/mediums used may vary by quarter.

<u>Class Requirements:</u> All students are required to bring for art is a pencil and a positive attitude. Students are expected to be on time to class. If they are late they must have a pass. All students receive a "Classroom Expectations" grade based which is based on: arriving on time, proper use of class time, proper use of materials, respecting classmates and their artwork (25 points each).

<u>Assignment Policy:</u> Students are welcome to come at any free time they have to finish their artwork. If a student is absent she/he is responsible for talking with the teacher and making up missed work. No extensions can be given after the student's last day of course meeting.

Grading: Final quarter grade will be based on an average of grades for each project and the student's "Classroom Expectations" grade, which counts as a project grade. Amount and type of projects can vary per quarter due to assemblies, days off, vacation scheduling, etc.

Grading Average: If we complete four projects in a quarter, five grades will be averaged. ("Classroom expectations" grade if fifth grade)

<u>Contacting the teacher:</u> Email is the teacher's primary method of communication for relaying any information. Feel free to email if you have ANY questions or concerns. To discuss any serious matter pertaining to your child, please email first and include a best time and number to contact you during the day.

<u>Project Displays:</u> At least once per quarter, every student's artwork is displayed in school hallways, showcases, bulletin boards, etc. No student's work is displayed if they do not want it to be. The District Art Show is held every spring. Unfortunately, not every child's work can be shown at the district show due to limitations placed of space, course scheduling, and mediums shown.

Additional Art Experience: Art Club, Yearbook Club