Mrs. Brown’s Classroom – MS Art

**Course Description**

This year of art offers experiences in various art processes, media, and art history. Activities may include drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, mixed media, design and cultural arts.

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**Why am I taking this class?**

*My goal for you this year is to begin to develop knowledge and skills related to the art processes, artists, and artworks, as well as an appreciation for its connection to other course subjects, cultures, history, and the world around us.*

**Materials**

* One folder with pockets (brads are optional) to be left in class
* Pencils

Please collect the following items if you are able to:

* Soda cans, rinsed and not crushed
* Old newspapers, no ads please
* Use, age appropriate magazines
* Wire hangers

**Grading Breakdown**

* Major Assignments/ Tests
* These grades make up 60% of your grade.
* Major assignments will be graded by a rubric with certain expectations and point values assigned accordingly. (Rubric is attached on separate page.)
* Daily Grades
* Daily grades make up 40% of your grade.
* These will include quizzes, smaller drawing/art assignments that don’t take multiple days.

**Policies**

Rules of an Eagle

* Be ***ready***
  + Come to class on time ready to learn
  + Have materials needed with you (i.e. Pencil)
* Be ***respectful***
  + Follow procedures
  + Speak to others with kind words
  + Raise your hand when you want to speak
  + Treat others the way you want to be treated
  + Do not touch other people’s artwork
* Be ***responsible***
  + Clean up after yourself before class is over
  + Turn in assignments on time
  + Lead by example

Discipline

1st infraction: warning

2nd infraction: warning and parent contact

3rd infraction: parent contact and detention with Mrs. Brown

4th infraction: office referral

Make-Up Work

* Any notes or handouts from that day you missed will be filed in a folder on the side of the cabinet labeled make-up work. If you have any questions about the material, please see me before class begins or at the end of the period. If we are in the middle of project that you haven’t started, you will begin it the first day you are back and will be given and additional day to complete it. But know this puts you behind on the next assignment. Time out of class will more than likely need to spend before or after school in the art room to catch up.
* My “tutorial” days this year will be Tuesday and Thursday. You must let me know though if you plan on staying after school to work.
* EXTRACURRICULAR ABSENCE – If you are out due to a school related activity, you will need to get your assignments before you leave and are responsible for getting them turned in when you return, if it is something that can be done outside of class. If it cannot be done outside of class because of materials required, then you will be responsible for coming in before or after school to make up the time lost.

Late Work

* When an assignment is turned in late points will be deducted. One day late the highest grade you can make is a 70. Two days late the highest grade you can make is a 50. After that, it is a zero. Using class time wisely is important.

Cubbies

* You will be assigned a cubby to share with one other student in your class. In this cubby you will keep your folder for daily sketchbook and other handouts. You may also wish to keep pencils, erasers and other supplies so that you do not have to remember to bring these materials each day. All materials will need to be properly labeled if left in the classroom to prevent theft. You may wish to put these supplies in a pencil pouch to be better organized. Cubbies will be assigned the first week of school.
* You are responsible for keeping your cubby neat and clean. No loose papers or trash should be stored in there.

FYI

* No Cell phones or other electronics are allowed in the classroom (district policy)
* Bottled water only (clear with twist top), no other drinks, no food, no gum (district policy)
* When you are tardy, go straight to the middle school office where Mrs. Toni Holland or Mrs. Karen Brunson will give you a tardy pass. Hand your pass to Mrs. Brown as you enter the room, and sit quietly in your seat.
* When you need to see the nurse Mrs. Brown will fill out the blue hall pass.
* If you need to use the restroom during the art period you will use one of your restroom passes given to you at the start of each 6 week period. Each student will receive 3 passes per 6 weeks. You are not allowed to drop your things off and ask if you can go to the restroom during passing period and to not be counted tardy. Go before you come to class so you won’t be tardy. If you use a pass during class Mrs. Brown must fill it out before you leave the room, and it must be handed in when you return.

**Course Breakdown**

Topics we will be exploring during the year:

1st semester –

The Elements of Art

The Principles of Design

Media and Methods

2nd semester –

A World of Art and Artists

Subjects and Styles

Expression and Meaning

**Portfolio**   
Students will keep a physical portfolio in the classroom.  This is a storage folder that will house all artwork done throughout the year that will go home at the end of the school year.  These is done so that students can later go back and critique themselves and write about the process they went through to create their works. Artwork is available to display and show throughout the year. And, the artwork is likely to get home in good condition if kept in the portfolio when being transported.

Daily Sketchbook

Students will have a warm up activity everyday day called Daily Sketchbook. When students walk in the door they will read the prompt on the board, and draw for 5 minutes. When that time is over regular classroom instruction time will begin. This will be kept in their folder in their cubby. Every 6 weeks it will be turned in for a daily grade.

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More on this later!!!