

INTRO TO ART



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Classroom 316

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Course Description: The purpose of this class is to provide students with an opportunity to explore the world of visual art and to gain a solid understanding of basic concepts and techniques essential to success if they choose to continue as an artist.

This course also provides students with the opportunity to grow strong abilities in creative problem solving, self-expression, appropriate self and peer critique, and more! All within a fun, relaxed, and community-based environment.

Behavior Expectations:

- **Attendance:** Students are expected to attend *all* class periods. Any missed class time must be made up *outside* of class. Students are also expected to take personal responsibility for any missed demonstrations or materials.
- **Tardiness:** Students are expected to be in class on time. Tardies are *ONLY* excused with a pass. Issues with distance may be accommodated for, depending on situation (This *MUST* be discussed and agreed upon). Three or more tardies will result in detention.
- **Studio Environment:** Students are expected to be *RESPECTFUL* to themselves, to others, to myself, to the art materials, and to any artwork. Any violation of this expectation will result in consequences based on school policy or situation. Purposefully disturbing another student or their work will automatically result in a detention. Students are also expected to clean their personal, as well as community space properly every day before leaving class. If they fail to do so, they will complete a classroom chore during the next class period.
- **Homework:** Most homework assignments consist of research and sketches. Generally, the homework load for this class is light. However, this may be dependent on the productivity and success of the student within class studio time. Some students may need more outside time to be successful.

Daily Procedure Expectations:

- At the beginning of class, students are expected to leave *all outside materials* at the front of the classroom. *Only* a writing utensil and sketchbook/notebook used for the Art Start may be taken to seat. (NO artwork or art materials until studio time)
- Students are expected to begin class at their *assigned seats* for attendance.
- Students are expected to *stay in assigned seats* until dismissed for studio time.
- Students are expected to work for the *entire* given studio time.
- Clean up will begin *no earlier* than 5 minutes before the bell.
- After clean up, students will remain by their seats (NOT the door) until the bell.

Cell Phone Policy: Following school policy, cell phones or any other personal devices are *NOT* permitted during class. Phones need to be turned off and placed in the phone caddy or locker before class each day. Any phones not in the caddy and out during class will result in a grade deduction.

Backpacks: School policy states that NO backpacks are to be brought to class. If any are brought to class they will be placed in the hallway where they will be collected by the office.

Bathroom Policy: Bathroom breaks are permitted only during studio time and only one student may be out of the classroom at a time. Bathroom breaks lasting longer than 10 minutes will result in a tardy, longer than 15 minutes will result in an absence.

Conversations: As much as you might think your conversations are private, *they are not*. Any vulgar/inappropriate language or negative comments made about Jenison students, staff, or others *will NOT* be tolerated and will result in participation grade deductions.

Grading:

- Each project will be worth a total of 70 points based on three parts, completion of Learning Goals (40 points), a Self Evaluation (20 points) based on work ethic, daily participation, etc., and an Artist Statement (10 points).
- In order to receive a grade for completed work, students are expected to completely fill out an Artwork Evaluation form. Any artwork turned in without a completed Artwork Evaluation will not receive a grade.
- Late work will be considered a “0” until turned in.
- All work from each quarter must be turned in by the quarter due date or it will no longer be accepted

Free Draw Friday: Every Friday, studio time will be dedicated to a project of your creation! Every student is expected to turn in a QUALITY FDF project at the end of each marking period (worth the usual 70 project points).

Winter/Spring Art Show: Towards the end of each semester, there will be a showcase of outstanding student artwork in the Media Center. Each student enrolled in an art class will have at least one artwork selected to be displayed. Work will be returned during Exam week.

EXTRA CREDIT!!!:

Extra credit on the first project will be given to any student who is willing to donate any of the following items...

- Cardboard pieces (cut to about 9x12 or 1x18)
- Yarn
- Newspaper

Signing this signifies that you have read through the syllabus, that you understand what is expected of yourself during this class, and that you are responsible for holding yourself to these expectations. (5 points)

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____