

O.Henry Middle School Visual Art

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Course Description:

In art class students will work independently and at times in groups to create works of art inspired by art history, influential artists and artworks, everyday life, and personal experience. Students will learn and identify the The Elements of Art and The Principles of Art in their artworks and in art they observe and discuss in class. Students will build on their vocabulary of art terms, identify materials and their uses, and work through art processes and studio production techniques as they create 2D and 3D artworks. In addition, they will be identifying the numerous purposes of art, including teaching and celebrating culture, communicating messages and stories, recording historical events, bringing communities together, self expression and celebrating individuality. Throughout the year we will also explore different Careers in Art for students interested in pursuing visual arts in high school and college.

Grading Procedures: Grades will be determined by daily work and participation and art projects.

40% - Projects: Students will self assess each project they complete in class and then turn it in for teacher assessment. Their final grade is the student assessment (max 50 pts) and the teacher assessment (max 50 pts) added together.

40% - Class Participation/Daily Grade

10% - Do Now/Art Journal

10% - Worksheets & Minor Assignments

Make up Work:

Students are expected to complete all work in class. If a student is not able to complete the project during class time, they will receive one additional week to complete the project after school or at home depending on the material. The student must communicate with me what day they plan on staying after school.

Materials and Supplies:

- 1 box of #2 pencils to share with class
- 1 container of clorox wipes

Art Shows

Youth Arts Month – AISD/District art show that happens in February or March. I will choose about 15 exemplary works from 6th, 7th, and 8th grade artists.

Jr. VASE (Junior Visual Arts Scholastic Event) – Regional art show that takes place at the end of the school year. Any child is welcome to participate in this event with up to 2 pieces. If they are interested in participating they must let me know as soon as possible so we can plan ahead.

O.Henry Fine Arts Showcase – our end of the year celebration to recognize and celebrate the amazing work our O.Henry artists!