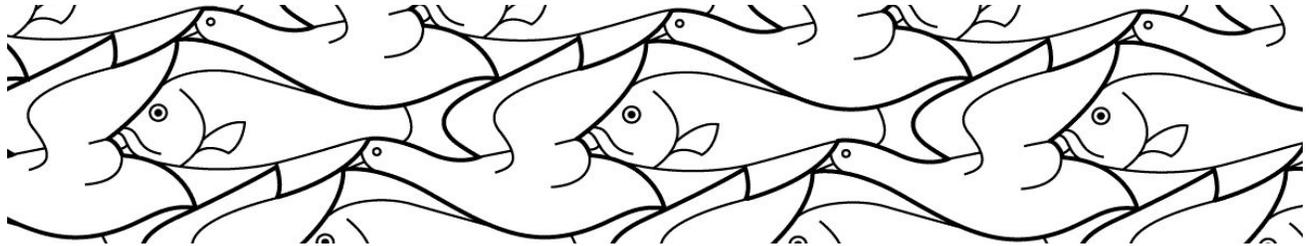


Art at ARMS

Course Description & Expectations



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Course Description

In this course you will learn to take your ideas and turn them into works of art. You will learn to see and think as an artist. We will explore a variety of art materials and you will learn skills and techniques for working with those materials successfully. We will create artworks from observation and from our imaginations. Through making art, we will look closely at ourselves and our worlds. We will discuss and critique works of art using the elements and principles of art as well as our intuition and experience. Using these artistic practices, we will explore ways to combine the arts with other disciplines to achieve a deeper understanding of both. Topics that you study in other classes at ARMS will become material for your work in this class.

Learning Targets

- I can develop an idea and communicate it through my art.
- I can demonstrate art skills and techniques with a variety of art materials.
- I can analyze and critique my own and other's artwork.
- I can identify connections between an art form and another subject area.

Classroom Procedures & Etiquette

Our classrooms are spaces where every individual is valued and respected. As such, we expect students to follow all ARMS rules and to be respectful, responsible and compassionate members of the ARMS community in our art rooms. Making art can be exciting, boring, challenging, calming, frustrating, collaborative, independent, risky, predictable, spontaneous, surprising, fun, and much more. It is important that you work your hardest, and support your peers to do the same.

Habits of Work Targets

I can respect my classmates and teacher by listening attentively when they are talking.

I can respect myself by participating and trying my best everyday.

I can respect the art room and art materials by treating them with care and cleaning up.

I can be responsible and behave in a safe manner at all times.

Class Materials

Bring these to class every day:

Pencil

Assignment book

Homework

Art is a practice, just like learning a sport or playing an instrument. It takes time and reflection to improve and learn. We will have occasional homework assignments that help us to practice the skills and ideas we are studying in the classroom.

Grading

70% of your overall grade will be based on summative assessments (our in-class projects) and 30% will be based on habits of work. In-class projects will be based on the following criteria:

- ❖ **Understanding** - a demonstrated understanding of the core concepts and principles covered by an assignment.
- ❖ **Skill** - a demonstrated ability to work with, and manipulate, the media being used in an assignment.
- ❖ **Creativity** - how creatively you respond to the freedoms and limitations of a given assignment. This includes both your idea and your design/composition.
- ❖ **Craftsmanship** - attention to detail, presentation, and finish.
- ❖ **Process**- the steps you took along the way to complete your assignment.

Late Policy

Each assignment will have a final in-class due date. Projects turned in late will receive a grade deduction.

If you are absent from class it is your responsibility to make up the work you missed.

Extra Help

We are available after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:30-3:00.

Please let us know if you are planning to come. Snacks provided!

“I have read the following Course Description & Expectations and understand what is expected of me.”

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____