Grade 8 Art Curriculum

Welcome to grade 8 art!

This year, students are offered a trimester of art where we meet 4 out of every 6 days in the rotation.

The focus on this year is increasing creative problem solving and risk-taking and introducing students to the different ways artists solve problems and communicate. Middle school art class has fewer overall projects, because there is deeper learning and the projects are more complex and refined.

This year we focus on art from the 1950's to today as well as careers in the arts:

· 2 PT Perspective: Students will learn the rules of 2 Point Perspective letter their names. Students will then use color and value to enhance the illusion of depth in their letters and background.

· Printmaking/Graphic Design and Illustration: Students create their own found poetry and then experiment with Gelli printmaking and collage techniques before creating a final composition to create a book Illustration.

· Digital Imaging: We look at the Pop Art movement and create digital portraits.

· Art as Communication/Social Tool: We look at contemporary art and explore how art can inform and communicate about social topics.

Students' projects will be assessed on a four point grading scale against the National Core Art Standards (https://www.nationalartsstandards.org/) and they will also be assessed weekly on Work Study Practices regarding the skill of Self Direction. In the art room, students will have activities that are being introduced to foundation skills with a target score of 2 (2 out of 2) as well as ample opportunities to demonstrate their learning at a level of 3 and 4 (out of 4). A score of 3 indicates that a student has met the standard.

Topics generally covered in 8th grade:

· Color theory and color schemes (warm, cool, neutral, monochromatic, complementary)

· Value (tints and shades)

· Perspective

· Printmaking: Process of creating a monoprint

· Art as Career (Illustrator, Graphic Designer, Fine Artist)

· The Elements of Art and the Principles of Design

Art Periods covered throughout the entire year:

· Pop Art

· Environmental/Social Art

· Digital Art

· Story Illustration

· Graphic Design