ART 8th Mrs. Soto

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This introductory course will explore the principles of design and introduce and develop the creative process. Design elements and relationships are identified and employed to establish a basis for aesthetic sensitivity and critical analysis. Fine Art and Design will be presented as tools of communication.

**COURSE COMPETENCIES:**

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

* Successfully create designs with a variety of mediums and techniques.
* Create two-dimensional pictorial designs using the fundamentals of design. Fundamentals are aesthetic elements which include: line, shape, values, textures, and colors with harmony variety, balance, movement, proportion, dominance, economy, and space.
* Create three-dimensional designs and investigate concepts with mixed mediums.
* Use and understand a vocabulary that relates to art history, through the use of assigned projects and tests.
* Achieve originality in designs.
* Draw from observation utilizing expressive and illusionistic skills.

**EXPECTATIONS**

* Be on time to class
* Be respectful of fellow students, your teacher, and your classroom materials.
* Make your best attempts at all projects.
* Turn work in promptly
* Keep a sketchbook practice

**GRADING POLICY**

Daily Work: Sketchbook Practice, Quizzes, Readings 60%

Major Projects/Contests 40%

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**MAKE-UP WORK**

When a student is absent, it is the ***student’s*** responsibility to pick up missed assignments

from the teacher. The time allotted to complete make-up work is set by school-wide policy: 2 make-up days are allowed for 1 day missed and 1 make-up day is added for each additional day missed. Any work not turned in within the allotted time will be considered late. Extra time may be allowed in extenuating circumstances.

**SUPPLIES**

A sketchbook is required for all students in art.

**ONLINE GRADE ACCESS:** Parents and students are expected to monitor course grades and attendance information via the Internet regularly. I update grades on a weekly basis. Grades will not be posted on the wall in class. Feel free to email me if you have questions about a project or assignment.

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