

Mrs. Bowen | 6th Grade Art | Syllabus

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Driving Question: How might we develop our critical and creative thinking skills through artmaking in order to become better connected to our community, our school and ourselves?

Course Objectives: In this visual arts class you will be exploring different mediums used in art making. You will learn to develop your critical and creative thinking skills through art exploration. Study of observational drawing, painting, printmaking, photography and sculpture will create a foundation in visual art.

- Develop observational drawing skills using different mediums
- Develop understanding of the principles and elements of art
- Demonstrate creative thinking skills with creation of unique ideas
- Be able to apply photography skills to create source material for original drawings
- Manage your digital work and maintain a digital portfolio
- Develop a body of work demonstrating increased skill and creative thinking
- Create work that will be displayed for the public
- Participate in class critiques, peer feedback and group work
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills through written response and research
- Work independently and in a group

Responsibilities

- Come to class ready to work with a pencil and a growth mindset.
- Respect each other, respect yourself and respect the classroom.
- Use your class time effectively and efficiently.

Grading Policy

- Summative Projects – Grades for each project will be based on a rubric that includes creative thinking, critical thinking, time and effort, and assignment requirements. Rubrics are developed with students. Grading often reflects peer and self evaluations.
- Process & Participation – There is no homework in this class which means class time is essential. Formative grades are given for sketchbook drawings, participating in class discussion, development of feedback skills, growth mindset and a demonstration of being a peer leader. This is a cooperative classroom where you will help each other and learn from each other.
- Late Work Policy – Late work will be accepted in most cases, unless otherwise specifically noted. Students with excused absences will have a reasonable amount of time with no penalty to turn in late work. Students are always encouraged to make revisions in order to grow with their work.
- Writing Assignments – Reflection, content vocabulary and growth in observational skills are essential to developing as a critical and creative thinker.
- Google Classroom – Grades and feedback are posted to Google Classroom with Projects then imported into the Aeries Gradebook when ready.