Creative Crafts

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In **Creative Crafts,** we will focus and explore various materials and techniques in Arts & Crafts. We will study artwork, techniques, materials, cultures and historical periods, integrating this research into projects throughout the year. There will be a focus on the use and understanding of the elements and principals of art. We will be creating functional yet beautiful works.

**STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:**

As a student in this class you are expected to:

* Arrive to class on time.
* Be prepared for class with all necessary tools for the current project.  (A pencil and a sketchbook are required every day.)
* Be responsible for the care and maintenance of all equipment, tools and the classroom as a whole.
* Complete all class assignments as well as homework on time.  Lateness will be penalized. (Absence or special circumstances will be discussed on an individual basis with me.)
* Use class time to its fullest extent, as well as participate in discussions and critiques.
* Make use of library and classroom resources in conjunction with various projects.
* Use Open Studio hours as needed (Tuesdays after school until 4:00).
* RESPECT YOURSELF, YOUR CLASSMATES, AND YOUR TEACHER!

The studio is essential for each student to work on projects as well as **participate** in maintaining the studio space, **engage** in the process and **share** experiences/strengths with other art students. The art studio is a **shared** area so we must **respect** each area as such.

**Respect** is essential to success in an art studio – for artwork, materials, procedures, and most of all, for each other!

**COURSE OUTLINE**

This class is designed to lead you through an in-depth exploration of different craft materials and techniques, and to immerse you in the process of crafting; from research & design to product completion.

In studio crafts we will encourage you to take a risk with your art making to push your art to a new level. The media we explore may include:

•     Fiber: batik, embroidery, weaving, sewing

•     Metal: jewelry making, Wire building

•     Clay:  hand building, slab relief

•     Glass: mosaics or etching

•     Woodwork

•     Paper making

•     Mask making

**This list is subject to change** – we may not get to all of these materials, and we may discover new areas of interest to pursue as we get to better know one another. Please note that I am open to your suggestions. If you feel passionately about a subject talk to the teacher. If there is something you would like to learn about that is not listed above, let me know and I will try to incorporate it into the curriculum.

**Your grade will based on the following:**

·        Participation

·        Creativity

·        Class work

·        Homework

·        Effort

·        Craftsmanship

Each project will be graded based on a rubric.  The rubric may change depending on the criteria of a particular assignment, but the main categories are generally Composition, Creativity, Effort and Craftsmanship.

**OPEN STUDIO**

Art Open Studio hours are Tuesdays after school until 4:00. Please note that the late bus leaves at 3:45. Anyone wishing to stay until 4:00 must have a ride scheduled in advance.

This is a time for students to work in the studios on either class projects or independent work.

This is a great time to work on a project as well as get direct input on a specific issue you may be having with a project.

**SUPPLIES**

All students are required to have a **sketchbook** and **pencil** for class. We will be taking notes in this sketchbook so if you prefer to have lined paper or a marbled notebook that is fine too but you must **ALWAYS** have them for class.

You may be asked to bring in other supplies depending on your individual interests.

**\*\*\*WE WILL BE MAKING OUR OWN SKETCHBOOKS FOR THE FIRST ASSIGNMENT. If this does not last the year, you will be asked to purchase a new one.**

**PARENTS & GUARDIANS**

Course information and assignments can be found on my teacher website at newpaltz.k12.ny.us

Student grades will be posted online in Grade Book

The best way to contact me is via e-mail at tmartin@newpaltz.k12.ny.us with any questions or concerns.

You may also reach me by leaving a message at (845) 256-4000 x. 69520

I encourage a strong parent/teacher relationship and thank you in advance for your support and cooperation and look forward to meeting you at **OPEN HOUSE, on Thursday, September 17th at 7:00PM.**

I have read and understand Mr. Martin’s course outline for Creative Crafts.

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