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# Visual Arts

Middle School Art

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Course Syllabus 2019-2020

Take Chances! Make Mistakes! Get Messy!

## Course Description and Objectives

The middle school art experience is going to be an educational, exciting, creative, and most importantly fun experience! We will learn about different artists and art styles that will lead to the exploration of creating, presenting, and responding to art, while connecting the world of art to other areas of learning and personal endeavors.

## Textbook

Art – Scott Foresman  
*Understand Art* – Mittler + Ragans  
*Introducing Art* – Mittler + Ragans  
*Exploring Art* – Mittler + Ragans

## Unit/Concept Names

Below are overarching concepts we will explore during our semester together.

Drawing  
Painting  
Color Theory  
Elements of Art and Principles of Design  
World Culture

Your mandatory sketchbook will be used to create a semester long project that will be graded at the end of the EACH semester.

## Major Course Projects and Instructional Activities

Each lesson will begin with an exploration of art or artists, typically in the form of a slideshow but various instructional strategies will be used throughout the semester/year, to introduce and re-explore new concepts, ideas, and materials. Each introduction will be followed by a demonstration of materials and techniques which will then be followed with a project that will allow students to showcase their new knowledge and skills. Projects will typically last one week before a new concept/project will be introduced.

## Course Assessment Plan

Students will receive a variety of assignments designed to enhance their learning and skills during the week or throughout the project. Attached under a link titled 'Student Assessment Rubric' will be a rubric that will be

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used as the primary source for project grades. If a student is absent, the student is responsible for requesting the missed assignment. They will be allowed to turn in any late assignment after the due date with no loss of points (we all sometimes need a little grace and an extension of good faith), but if the assignment is not turned in by the time grades/report cards are due the assignment will be listed as Missing and they will receive a zero for it.

### **Evaluation (Schoolwide Grading Policy)**

- Summative Assessments 30% (Unit & Chapter Test, Projects, Tasks)
- Formative Assessments 60% (Quizzes, Class work, Graded Writing Assignments, Group Work, etc.)
- Homework/Other 10% (assigned at teacher's discretion)

### **Classroom Procedures & Expectations**

In this class we take chances, make mistakes, and get messy! Art is a fun exploratory class and students are expected to try their hardest. We aren't a class of quitters, we are dragons that R.O.A.R! This class is designed for students to be able to express themselves and utilize their artistic skills without fear of judgement. All students are given the opportunity to soar! In this class we are all expected to respect ourselves, our peers, and our teachers.

1. Always TRY YOUR BEST!!! I will not settle for anything less!
2. BE ON TIME!!! Come in respectfully, get to your seat, and begin on your daily warm up.
3. In this class we DO NOT give up! We are here to learn, create and express and we can't do that if we quit!
4. Remain SEATED at your ASSIGNED seat unless otherwise invited to move and please no talking over the teacher. I will talk first and you will get your chance to speak afterwards to your peers.
5. Think before you act or react. KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOURSELF.
6. Bring ALL materials to class DAILY which means be PREPARED at ALL times.
7. Every student is responsible for helping to maintain a clean, safe learning environment. YOUR area is YOUR responsibility and whether we are using pencils or paint it is YOUR job to clean up YOUR mess. The floor should be clear of trash, paper, and personal belongings when class is over. It is not the class after yours responsibility to clean up after you.
8. Adhere to all policies, rules, and regulations outlined in the student handbook, and Tutt Middle School's Norms.
9. No phones unless otherwise stated. We all love technology so let's earn the right to use it instead of having it taken away.
10. Respect is a two-way street. I'm ALWAYS going to respect you, all I ask is that you respect me and your classmates in return.
11. Most importantly HAVE FUN!

### **Course Materials**

- 1 Sketchbook
- Pack of Pencils
- Pack of Colored Pencils
- Pack of Markers
- Pack of Erasers (hand held or cap)

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- Handheld Sharpener
- 1 Ruler
- Glue Bottle or Glue Stick

Donations appreciated for the following (optional):

\*Copy Paper    \* Hand Sanitizer    \*Kleenex    \* Disinfectant Wipes

**My contact information:**

Email: saffran@richmond.k12.ga.us

If you prefer phone conversations, please contact me through email and I will give you my personal number. The best way to contact me is through my email during school hours and I will respond as promptly as possible. I take pride in my ability to respond to parental questions and concerns in a timely manner.

**Resources:**

To sign up for class reminders, please visit:

You signing up for my remind will give your child an easy first A to start our year off right!

6th Grade Art – TEXT: 81010 @6666art / ONLINE: remind.com/join/6666art

7th Grade Art – TEXT: 81010 @7777art / ONLINE remind.com/join/7777art

8th Grade Art – TEXT: 81010 @8888art / ONLINE remind.com/join/8888art

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