

Welcome to Art / Gr. 5-8

Mrs. Kuhrau

Lord, grant that I may always desire more than I can accomplish." Michelangelo

Welcome to art! I am looking forward to the school year ahead and getting to know each and every one of you. Due to the nature of the creative process, students may complete projects at a different pace; therefore, each student will have a sketchbook journal with self-directed activities to be worked on during class time until I introduce our next project. The following are my classroom expectations:

ACT RESPONSIBLY **R**ESPECT MATERIALS **T**AKE THE CREATIVE CHALLENGE

Classroom Expectations:

1. **Enter art room in a quiet and orderly manner.** Sit in your assigned seat, find your journal and begin the journal prompt for the day. This is a quiet, reflective time to work in your sketchbook. We will work for the first 5-7 minutes of class or until I signal you to stop.
2. **Studio time.** I ask you remain quiet and attentive during our introduction to a new project or as I review projects that we are working on. Often times I will ask students to gather at the demo table for a closer examination of art processes. Again, I ask you to remain attentive and quiet during the demo process. I will then reward studio time for you to work independently for the remainder of the class.
3. **Clean up signal.** I will stand at a designated spot in the room and announce, "Art Stars, quiet in 5,4,3,2,1". Stop what you are doing and give me your attention for clean up instructions. All table members must help with clean up! Stay seated and I will dismiss by tables.
4. **The creative challenge.** I expect every student to participate with his or her best efforts. There are no mistakes in art...only creative opportunities! Work carefully and purposefully and be confident in what you produce. Defend your creative spirit! Be polite and respectful to each other's art. Use our constructive art vocabulary for critiquing artwork.
5. **We are always working.** I have many resources available when you are finished with a project. We should always be involved in an art activity. Please, no homework for other classes.

Behavior Consequences:

1. Verbal warning.
2. Phone call home AND Mrs. Kuhrau reserves the right to alter project expectations. For example, instead of MODELING with clay you will WRITE about clay.

Thank you, fellow artists!

"... whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." Corinthians 10:31