

## Welcome to the Visual Arts Program at Robinson Middle School

### Expectations:

I expect you to work to the very best of your ability, to respect the teacher, students and materials, and to challenge yourself to explore, discover and develop your creativity to gain valuable life skills.

I expect you to come to class on time and prepared - ***please bring a pencil every day!***

I will provide all materials for class but here are a few items that you may want to bring for yourself: colored pencils, markers, hand-held sharpener, wooden pencils. There is a place in the room to keep your supplies and you may bring them home at the end of the nine weeks.

### B.Y.O.D.:

This year we are implementing a plan for bringing your own technology device to school for use in the classroom to facilitate the learning experience. Visual Arts classes will be involved on a regular basis with infusing technology into the curriculum. You are encouraged to bring a device from home (iphone, ipad, ipod) to use in class. We will use the internet and apps to supplement learning. You (and your parents) will be notified in ample time of the apps to install from itunes (they are all FREE!!) for an upcoming lesson or project. Because we will be using electronic devices regularly, no food, drink or gum is permitted.

### Classroom Rules:

In art class you are expected to follow the classroom rules.

1. Enter class quietly and on time.
2. Be prepared – bring a pencil every day.
3. Remain in your seat unless otherwise given permission.
4. Listen to the teacher.
5. Help clean up.

In order for **all** students to learn, **all** students must obey the rules. Parents will be notified if these rules are not followed. Art class is meant to be a time for exploring and learning in a creative way.

### Grading:

Each day will begin with a starter. The starters include short, warm-up exercises that emphasize the art concepts we are learning in class.

Major projects will include an individual rubric - so you know exactly what is expected!

Grades will be based on the following criteria:

1. Successful completion of all work. Make sure your work is complete, signed on the back and turned in on time.
2. Student effort. Strive to work hard in all that you do!
3. Basic skill with media. Use pencils, rulers, markers, paintbrushes and other materials appropriately and responsibly.
4. Craftsmanship and neatness. Make sure your work is always neat and you keep your folder organized.
5. Creativity. Think outside the box.....use your imagination.....be original!

I understand and will abide by the rules, expectations and procedures  
for Visual Arts at Robinson Middle School.

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