Welcome to Middle School Art

“The aim of art education in the public schools is not to make more professional artists but to teach people to live happier, fuller lives; to extract more out of their experience, whatever that experience may be.”
-- Grant Wood

Course Description
The study of fine arts, important in its own right, also helps to develop higher-order thinking skills, foster creativity, and promote problem-solving capabilities that are needed in all studies. Students will learn that through art they can gain a deeper understanding of the world around them. Students will develop skills in a variety of media and techniques in this course with a major focus being the Elements and Principles of Design.

Students may participate in activities that include painting, drawing, clay building, printmaking, and textiles. They will be expected to take notes daily. These will consist of definitions, warm-up exercises, and class notes: all will be kept in an art folder and graded.

Evaluation
Students' grades will be based on time management, fulfilling the objectives of the assignment, creativity, effort and craftsmanship. Graded work includes, but is not limited to studio art, tests, reports, notebook entries, and worksheets.

Art Grade
75% Class work / Homework
10% Class Participation
15% Folder Assessment

Make-up Policy
It is the responsibility of the student to check with the teacher for all assignments missed. Some make-up time is built into the class schedule but it may also be necessary for assignments to be completed at home.

Late Work Policy:
All classwork is expected to be returned to the teacher by the assigned deadline. Points will be deducted for assignments turned in late. The maximum credit allowed for assignments turned one day late is 70% and two days late is 50%. No assignments will be accepted after the second day.

Class Supplies
Everyday students need to bring a pencil, notebook paper, agenda, and a book to read. Most other supplies will be provided by the school.

Parental involvement is a great asset to every class. Please encourage your child to discuss our art projects. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

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Student Signature   __________________________     Date  ___________________