James Weldon Johnson Middle School

Studio Art 1, Ms. Holloway, Room 464

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**Course Description:**

The Studio Art Curriculum is designed to introduce students to the Elements of Art, Principles of design, and a variety of techniques and media, with an emphasis on art history and critique. Individual creativity, quality craftsmanship, a positive attitude and respect for the work of others are a **requirement** for this course.

• Area of Study: Elements of Art (line, shape, value, texture, color, space and form). The students will study each element of art as a unit. Principles of Design (balance, contrast, emphasis, movement, pattern, rhythm, and unity). Several formative assessments in addition to a larger project will be given for each unit. A summative assessment will be given at the end of the semester.

• Media: Proper use and techniques on how to handle and experiment with drawing pencils, colored pencils, charcoal, oil pastels, chalk pastels, watercolor, acrylic paints, various papers, clay, and other various mixed media.

\*\*\*Supply donations are always accepted and appreciated!!!\*\*\*

**Grading Procedures:**

Semester grades will be determined by daily work, finished projects, assessments, and overall attitude, performance and participation during class time. Each larger project will have written guidelines laid out by the Duval County Middle School Art Rubric which will be distributed at the beginning of each assignment. Students will have self-assessments and peer assessments at the conclusion of each project as well as a group critique.

Semester grades are broken down into the following categories:

Sketchbook assignments- 20%

Quizzes- 20%

Unit Projects-20%

9 week Exam- 20%

Performance/ Participation- 20%

**Classroom Expectations:**

Be kind to each other

Take pride in your work

Clean up your mess

RESPECT art room and materials

Arrive prepared and on time

My expectation is that students are on task, work hard, listen to instruction, and respect others. Students who fail to meet these expectations will have the following consequences:

1st offense- Verbal warning

2nd offense- In class consequence (seat change, loss of privileges, time out in another class)

3rd offense- Parent/ Guardian will be contacted via phone and email

4th offense- Written/ digital disciplinary referral (this stays on students’ permanent record)

**Materials:**

Art making tools are not cheap and I am not rich. If I catch a student intentionally breaking, throwing, stealing, or misusing my materials in any way, it is an automatic referral, no exceptions. This is the most important rule. Not only is it extremely ungrateful and disrespectful, it is a major safety hazard and there is an entire section in the DCPS student code of conduct on this topic you may refer to for further consequences (which will ultimately lead to expulsion from James Weldon Johnson). Period. So … respect the art room materials.

**Make up Work:**

Students are expected to complete all work in class. The only home work for this course will be an Artist study research paper during the final quarter. If a student is not able to complete their project during class time, he or she will receive one additional week to complete the project. After then, it becomes a zero. We are preparing you for college here, and Art is weighed just as heavily into your GPA as math, reading, civics, or biology.

**Hall Passes:**

Hall passes are used for bathroom breaks and office visits. Only one student out on a hall pass at a time, no exceptions. If a student misplaces my hall pass, they are required to make me a newer, more creative one from the last.

**Food/ Drink/ Phone:**

Food, drinks, and gum are not permitted in the art room. We live in Florida and we have big bugs. Bugs are very fond of your crumbs. I don’t want bugs in my room. DON’T eat in my room. If you do, I throw it in the trash.

Water bottles are fine as long as they have a top/ lid.

Phones are not permitted in the classroom. Just DON’T. If I catch you on your phone, it goes in my desk until the end of the day.

**Overall: Students, I TRULY believe we all have creative genius inside of us, and I can’t wait to see what you produce! I am looking forward to a super fun, productive, and exciting year making masterpieces with each of you!**

". . . the arts have been an inseparable part of the human journey; indeed, we depend on the arts to carry us toward the fullness of our humanity. We value them for themselves, and because we do, we believe knowing and practicing them is fundamental to the healthy development of our children's minds and spirits. That is why, in any civilization - ours included - the arts are inseparable from the very meaning of the term 'education.' We know from long experience that no one can claim to be truly educated who lacks basic knowledge and skills in the arts." - National Standards for Art Education