

Great things are created by a series of small things brought together.

-Vincent Van Gogh

Welcome to Winthrop Middle School

ART

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Room 352

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The goal of the visual arts program at WMS is to provide you an opportunity to experience and explore a variety of techniques and materials as you develop your craft as an artist. You will analyze famous works of art throughout history, learn to observe the world around you, and express your ideas in artwork of your own.

In this class, you will . . .

- create artwork using a variety of media and techniques
- create artwork using the principles of art and design
- analyze your work, the work of other students, and the work of well-known artists
- maintain a visual journal or sketchbook

Sketchbook

You are required to maintain a sketchbook to plan and sketch ideas for projects, make observational drawings, and at times take notes or write reflections. Please provide a folder or sketchbook to be kept in class.

VTS

What is VTS? Visual Thinking Strategies is a way of closely looking at a work of art. Three questions will help guide us in examining and discussing what we see and think: 1. What is happening in this picture? 2. What do you SEE that makes you say that? 3. What else can you find?

Supplies

Please come to class each day with a pencil and eraser. At times, you will be working with wet and/or messy materials. Keep an old shirt or apron in your locker for those days. Advanced notice will be given of painting days.

Grading



Don't panic! If you come to class with a great attitude, complete your assignments on time, and do your best, you will SUCCEED IN ART CLASS. Grades are determined based on projects, sketchbook assignments, daily effort and participation. Rubrics are provided for major projects that will help keep you on task as well as let you

know what is expected.

3 Rs

There are three simple rules that need to be followed in the art room

RESPECT

Care for yourself and your work.
Care for others and their work.
Care for your classroom and materials.

RESPONSIBILITY

Come prepared and on time.
Do your best.
Clean your tools and your area.

RISK

Experiment and explore.
Take a chance.
Think outside the box.

Trash to Treasure

We need your help! In the art room, we strive to reuse, reduce, and recycle materials. This year we are going to turn what might have gone in the trash into treasured works of art. Any of the following items would be much appreciated:

yogurt cups
newspaper
magazines

plastic bottle caps
fabric/felt scraps
buttons/beads

Twine
yarn
ribbon

wire
cardboard
wrapping paper

copier paper
colored paper
tissue paper