

PETERS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

CORE BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

VISUAL ART GRADE 6

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An inquiry based approach will be used to facilitate student exploration in solving creative and functional problems. Broad goals and objectives will be provided for students to allow flexibility for the incorporation and development and creation of their own unique, creative vision. Activities will also incorporate aspects of art history and critical and aesthetic response with a strong emphasis on creativity and personal expression.

STUDY SKILLS

- Meet all classroom expectations: Be respectful, be responsible, and be creative.
- Adequately prepare for class including bringing in all necessary class materials when requested.
- Take full advantage of in-class instruction and practice time.

MAJOR UNIT THEMES:

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1. TWO-DIMENSIONAL ARTWORK

- Elements/principles- positive and negative space, contour line, space, contrast emphasis, unity, juxtaposition, shape, color schemes ,texture.
- Drawing- shading, blending, life drawing and sight observation skills, one point perspective.
- Painting- Color mixing, value, blending, layering, mixed media (pastels, collage, etc.)
- Printmaking and papermaking process will be explored by students in a choice rotation system.

2. THREE-DIMENSIONAL ARTWORK

- Elements/principles -texture, color, form, depth
- Sculpture- wire, wood, plaster, vermiculite(Possibly), sculptural assemblage with found materials
- Fiber arts and sculpture assemblage processes will be explored by students in a choice rotation system.

3. ART HISTORY

- Artist/Art style- A wide variety of artists chosen according to student interest and project relevance.(Artists working in contemporary media)
- Art theory and research- Follow a web quest for research, identify and find meaning and symbolism in various works of art. Categorize art work according to theme, subject, content, artist or era.

4. CRITICAL AND AESTHETIC RESPONSE

- Critical response-steps of art criticism (review), Identify and find meaning in works of art, compare and contrast works of art.
- Aesthetic response- Artist statement, formal and informal critiques, reflection questions, self and peer evaluations.

5. CREATIVITY AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION

- Personal Expression-Create meaning in art and make it relevant to their world. Create and use personal symbols.
- Creativity/ Innovation- Create unique visions and solutions to aesthetic and functional problems. Innovations in visual communication to express their content and meaning. The 5 step creative process (The 5 I's - Inquiry, Incubation, Ideas, Illumination and Implementation.

MATERIALS (and Supplemental materials used in course)

- A variety of new and recycled materials
- Technology resources
- Visual resources

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