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**2014**

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Students in this course will be working exclusively with clay. We will create sculptural as well as functional ceramics. Students will be able to develop skills using the pottery wheel and making hand-built ceramics. Students will study different artists, styles and techniques to create their artworks. Students will learn about slab construction and coil construction in order to make hand-built ceramics. Students will be able to use the potter’s wheel to create original artworks; they will also learn the drying and firing processes of clay. Students will be able to make vases, mugs, bowls, plates, teapots, abstract sculptures.

**Classroom Expectations**

1. Be prepared for class. (Bring all supplies with you to class.)
2. Be respectful to the teacher and other class mates.
3. Leave all purses and backpacks in your locker.
4. If you take out something, you need to put it away.
5. You are expected to keep a sketchbook for ideas and assignments while in class.
6. Take notes, complete any readings and work hard to complete work on time.
7. Be creative, you may not steal others ideas (internet images, magazine pictures, etc.). You need to think of your own ideas.
8. Clean up after yourself.

**Grading Scale**

The grading scale is as follows. You will be graded on total points.

95-100 A

90-94 A-

87-89 B+

83-86 B

80-82 B-

77-79 C+

73-76 C

70-72 C-

67-69 D+

63-66 D

60-62 D-

59 F

**Daily**

You will be given 3 passes to use for the duration of the class to use the restroom or your locker. Once your passes are used up you will receive a tardy for any restroom or locker passes you use. SSR is required on Friday’s.

**Absent**

You are responsible for seeing the teacher about getting the missing notes and assignments. You will have two days to make up your work. If you are absent from class you need to bring a makeup slip with you the following day in order to be admitted back into the classroom.

**Late Assignment Policy**

Assignments turned in late the same day they are due will be given half credit.  Assignments turned in the following day or later will only be given 1 point.  All assignments **must** be turned in to receive credit for the class.  If there is any missing work students will receive an incomplete.  Students have one week after each grading period, unless other arrangements have been made by the students with the instructor and administration, to get work in.  After that time, incompletes turn to a "F" for that grading period.  Students may be allowed to drop their lowest (teacher choose 2-4) assignment grades (tests, quizzes, large projects, and other assignments selected by the teacher may not be dropped).

**Tests/ Quizzes**

You will be given tests and quizzes throughout the duration of this class. Tests and quizzes may include true and false, matching, multiple choice, fill in the blank, and short answer questions. Total points will be used to figure out your grade.

I have read and understand this syllabus and one of my parents or guardians have read this paper. I agree to follow these guidelines.

Student Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_