



Calvine High School

Visual Arts

Ceramics Syllabus

Instructor: Ginger Martin

Text: Make It In Clay, Speight & Toki; Hands In Clay, Speight & Toki

Course Description:

This class is designed according to the [California Visual Art Strands and Standards](#) as an introduction to the basic skills and processes of ceramics. I will teach students the fundamental methods of working with clay, including hand building techniques, use of potter's wheel, decorating and color application and firing processes. During the course, students will acquire knowledge, understanding and appreciation of ceramic art from various historical periods and cultures. They will also have the opportunity to discuss, interpret, and respond to the visual qualities and styles of ceramic artworks. The credits earned will apply to the Fine Arts graduation requirement.

Materials:

Materials such as clay, paint, and some basic glazes for regular curriculum projects will be provided without charge. A fee covering the cost of additional materials needed due to extreme waste or mishandling of those provided, or to make an optional project beyond the required curriculum may be charged. Students are held responsible for broken, lost, or damaged supplies and equipment.

Course Expectations:

To earn full credit, students are expected to be **Productive, Respectful, and Responsible**. Students must come to class prepared to work the whole period and observe the rights of others to do the same. All students are seated with other students at a table and are expected to treat each other and the teacher with respect. Since it is important to maintain a clean, healthy, safe environment, I expect all students to participate fully in cleanup activities everyday. I dismiss students only when it is apparent all is in order. I hold students responsible for broken, lost, or damaged supplies, tools or equipment.

Credit and Grades:

In class credit is earned through completed assignments, projects, and participation in discussions and other class activities. Projects must be turned in with the required self evaluation. Incomplete work will not be accepted for credit.

I base credit and grades on: use of time; effort; how well the student follows directions, neatness, craftsmanship, originality, development of technical skills, clean up and citizenship.

Homework:

There will be basic drawing assignments every week that are required homework (worth one hour each minimum). If they are all turned in and the quality of effort and result are satisfactory, these will be worth at least one credit for the quarter. If these assignments are completed, there are other homework assignments available upon request. Students may match each hour of credit earned in class with an hour of homework credit.

Contact Information:

I strongly encourage and support parents being involved in their student's education. You can reach me at vmartin@egusd.net, or 689-7502 during the hours of 1:45 to 2:30, or please leave a voicemail at your convenience. I will return your call as soon as possible. An easy email link is also provided for your ease of use www.egusd.net/calvine, Staff.

I have read information on and am familiar with class procedures, policies and how to contact the Art teacher at Calvin High School.

Student

Parent/Legal Guardian

Student Signature

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