

# Mrs. A's Art Class

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Block: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class: \_\_\_\_\_



## Welcome to Grade 8 Art!

In this class you'll create a variety of art pieces in a variety of materials that will help to teach you a variety of artistic techniques as well as core skills. This class is a safe place, we will learn how to discuss art and critique one another's works but I have zero tolerance for harassment.

Each group will do something a little different, pay close attention in class!

# Curriculum – Big Ideas, Units, Lessons

## Big Ideas

Creative arts experiences can build community and nurture relationships with others

Art has the ability to say words, feelings or stories we don't yet want or know how to say. In this class you will learn how to use art to describe stories, your individual perspective, your likes and dislikes. We we work with each other to peer critique which means we will learn how to help build each other up and make our community feel like successful artists.

**UNITS:** Each unit will focus on a source of inspiration, a material and a technique and a project.

Drawing	Painting	Ceramics	Sculpture	Digital Art
We will research ancient forms of art such as Mandalas – can art be used as meditation or for well-being?	We will try painting from observations like they did in renaissance time – if it was good enough for Da Vinci it's good enough for me!	We will practice hand building techniques to create a piece with both design and function.	We will use wire, paper and paper mache to create a creature from our imaginations. Or from reality. Whatever floats your boat.	We will practice proper camera use and introduce ourselves to digital drawing tablets to create a digital painting or photo manipulation.

## Lessons and Materials

Each unit will be centered around an artistic intention, with it's from history or contemporary art, and a corresponding material to go with it. We will conduct research before each project for proper inspiration. All needed materials will be provided, but you can bring any materials you have at home to use in class. (Talk to me for good brands/deals and short term storage.)

So far I am most excited for the \_\_\_\_\_ unit because I want to create lots of:

DETAILED DRAWINGS

COLOURFUL PAINTINGS

USEFUL CLAY PIECES

RESEARCH

ART THAT TELLS A STORY

ART THAT I SEE ONLINE

ART ON THE COMPUTER



# Assessment – Due Dates, Marking and Grades

## Due Dates

We will have new project introductions on Mondays, classroom sharing discussions on Tuesdays to get ideas flowing and several small group, peer and self reflection times over several days to keep on task and focussed on the current projects. I will conduct formative assessments while you're working so you know what you're doing well and what you could strengthen. "Due Dates" will be Fridays after a unit is introduced. At the end of a unit we will have a 1 on 1 chat to decide upon a final mark for the unit based on all the work you've done over the last 1 to 2 weeks. If you are unhappy with your score you can work on your projects in your own time, at lunch and during tutorial to be re-assessed.

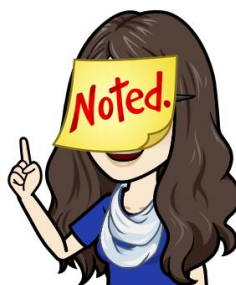
## Marking Criteria

How will we "decide on a mark" if every student is making individualized projects and so many courses run in one class? I will try to have clear expectations for each project you are working on written on the board. We will conduct multiple peer critiques during work time so you can keep each other accountable. You will start each project with a goal of an idea, technique or skill you'd like to challenge yourself with. At the end we will re-visit these goals and see how you did.

## Grades, Reporting and Contact

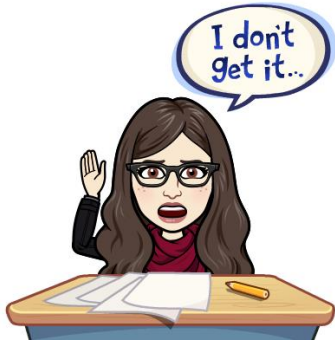
Your grades will be updated at the end of each unit. You can ask me what your grades are currently at in between those times, or just wait until the 1 on 1 chats to see. I will send home reports through email after each unit so your families can be in the know.

I strongly encourage you to ask questions when you have them, come in at lunch or tutorial to keep working on your projects or to ask for extra 1 on 1 help. I have high expectations for this crowd but I will make sure to be available to help achieve your goals.





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## Pop Quiz!

- Mrs. Addison's favourite colour is:
  - BLACK
  - RED
  - PINK
  - EVERY COLOUR!
- Mrs. A can speak:
  - ENGLISH
  - GERMAN
  - FRENCH
  - JAPANESE
- Mrs. Addison is...
  - A professional artist
  - A mother
  - A wife
  - All of the above
- In high school Mrs. A was:
  - Totally cool and super popular
  - A rad athlete
  - A gothic artist
- Mrs. A's favourite thing about teaching is:
  - I get to do art all day!
  - Teenagers, they're so witty.
  - Creating a safe space in this crazy world.

Something I'd like Mrs. A to know:

Something I hope to do this year