

CERAMICS I & II

Teacher

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Required Materials

- Class Fee \$5
- 3-ring 1/5 inch binder
- pack of copy paper
- pencil pouch
- Ceramic tool set (needle tool, wooden tool, wooden and metal rib, sponge)
Basic ceramic tool sets can be ordered online or purchased at a craft store
- pack of pencils
- Tissue box
- Lysol wipes/baby wipes
- lidded container (recycled/ repurposed plastic container encouraged)
- plastic wrap
- Pack of plastic shower caps (to cover wet clay)
- spray bottle
- two medium hand towels

Course Description

This ceramics class will broaden the students' understanding of clay as a flexible medium for personal visual expression. Ceramics has a rich history in sculptural and functional items dating back to 28,000 BCE. Students will learn forming methods such as pinch, coil, slab, wheel throwing, and sculpture techniques. Students will learn about the range of materials in clay and firing temperatures. Students will also learn the sensitivity of the glazing and firing techniques required. Students will also become familiar with studio procedures, maintenance, and safety concerns. Students will learn vocabulary and apply their knowledge in the classroom. Students will have to self-evaluate and create their own work. They will also be required to critique their peer's work and professional works of art.

Elements of Art

Line, Color, Shape, Value, Form, Texture, and Space

Principles of Design

Contrast, Unity, Repetition, Emphasis, Proportion, Rhythm, Balance, Movement

Grading Scale

- A 90-100
- B 80-89
- C 70-79
- D 60-69
- F 69-Below

Projects:

Students will complete various projects throughout the semester. They will work on each project for a range of 2-4

Optional Materials

- Your own set of paintbrushes
- Crochet Hook (highly recommended to have your own)

Attendance:

It is the responsibility of the students to make up any missed work due to an excused absence. THE TEACHER WILL NOT TELL YOU WHAT YOU MISSED: YOU MUST ASK FOR WORK. You have three days to make up any missed assignments.

IMPORTANT!!!!

We will be working with different, messy materials. Please note that acrylic paint DOES NOT fully wash out of clothing and will stain. I provide aprons that students are encouraged to wear, but they do not fully cover the uniform. Students are responsible for keeping a clean space and for their own uniforms.

It is important to remember that ceramics is a craft that requires time and understanding. Pieces can break in the process of making, firing, and even in the final. It's important to look at these moments not as failures but as learning opportunities to improve.

weeks, depending on the complexity of the process and material. Students may/end up working on two projects at a time. Projects will be due at the start of class. Five points will be deducted if the project is incomplete on its due day. Five points will continue to be deducted for each day the project is late. Extenuating circumstances do not apply. Students are welcome to bring a project home to work on it, but must speak with me first.

Students are required to bring a sketchbook and pencil to class each day. Each project will require sketches, which must remain on your desk for viewing while the student is working. Points will be deducted for lack of homework and sketches.

Grades:

In addition to projects, students will be graded on their daily participation (bellringers, classwork). Classwork includes having all supplies and materials for class, working during class, and cleaning up the space. Failure to do so will result in a deduction of points.

Students will be expected to keep a 1/2 inch binder in class to contain bell work, research, and sketches. Bell work will be checked weekly. Binder sketch work will be due with all materials at the submission of each project. Missing materials will result in a loss of points.

Students will also have quizzes and tests throughout the year. *Personal plug-in headphones are encouraged for video quizzes and tests.

Behavior:

Students are responsible for their own actions. Students are to respect class materials, their peers, their teacher, and most importantly, themselves. Students who fail to comply with school and classroom rules will be given a warning. If the student continues to not comply, students will receive consequences.

Please sign and return this page for a grade in an envelope with class fee. Write student name and class/period on the envelope.

I, (student name)_____, understand the classroom expectations and will work to the best of my ability this year.

Student name (signature):_____

Student name (print):_____

Date:_____

Parent/ Guardian name (signature):_____

Parent/ Guardian name (print):_____

Relation to student:_____

Date:_____