

Eighth Grade Art Syllabus

Course Description:

This course is an overview of Asian art, with an emphasis on the art of Japan. Eastern aesthetics are compared with Western art traditions, and students explore various media and techniques used in traditional Asian arts and crafts, expanding upon their knowledge of cultures from eighth grade social studies.

Key questions:

How does Eastern art compare with the art of the west? What characteristics are evident in a quality art project? How can art help me learn about God and creation? What can we learn about a culture from its art?

Units:

- Historical context
- Kiri-e
- Printmaking
- Japanese ceramics

Learning Targets

- 6.8.2 Reflect on the role of visual arts in Japanese culture
- 3.8.1 Use subjects, themes and symbols from Japanese art in their own artworks
- 3.8.2 Choose subjects and images appropriate to media being used
- 8.8.1 Apply a biblical perspective to looking at and creating art
- 8.8.2 Transfer characteristics, methods and concepts used by Japanese artists and craftspeople to production of original artworks
- 1.8.1 Learn and apply characteristics and techniques of paper cutting (kiri-e)
- 1.8.2 Effectively use tools and techniques to create linoleum block prints
- 1.8.3 Use potters wheel to form a clay container
- 1.8.4 Produce prints using direct printing technique
- 11.8.2 Demonstrate stewardship through effective caring for materials and classroom

Approaches to Learning (and what they look like in art class):

- Is prepared for class (Come to class on time, be seated and wait for instructions or take out work in progress; if you take a project home to work on it bring it back on the next class day; put projects where they belong so you'll be able to find them next time)
- Contributes positively to the class environment (Treat materials and other students with respect; participate in discussions; stay on task)
- Works effectively with others (Share supplies when necessary, help with cleanup, participate in group work)
- Demonstrates responsibility for own learning (Follow instructions, complete assignments, ask questions, take care of your projects)

Student Objectives:

Responsible Learning: In art class you will learn facts about various art media, techniques and processes, make connections between art and history/culture, be able to evaluate your own work and others', and practice your skills with a commitment to excellence.

Discerning Thinking: This course will help you connect art processes, products, themes and history with Christian values and ideas, and will stretch your creative thinking skills.

Productive Collaboration: Respect for your own and others' artwork is important in this class, as well as the ability to work with others on group projects and evaluations.

Effective Communication: The visual arts are very important forms of communication, and are often integrated with writing and other communication methods. In this class you will have a chance to practice communication in various forms.

Faithful Caretaking: In art class you will have opportunities to help and encourage your fellow students and practice responsible stewardship by caring for the materials with which you are entrusted.

A Few More Things:

- If you or your parents need to talk to me, I am usually in the art room after school, or can be reached by email: bevanderhaak@caj.or.jp (be sure you include the "e" after the "b", or the email will go to Mr. Vander Haak).

- You will not be assigned homework for this class; however, you may need to bring work home or come in after school if you fall behind in class. The art room is open for students to work on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until 4:30.