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**FUNDAMENTALS OF ART CLASS**

**Dear Student**

**I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to visual arts program. This is an excellent opportunity for students to get an introduction to basic concepts for acquiring skills in both 2-D and 3-D design. Concepts and vocabulary of Elements and Principles of Design will be introduced, reinforced, and reinterpreted through student assignments and projects.  Student will have hands-on learning using a variety of media used in this course including pencil, paint, watercolor, sculpture materials, and printmaking tools. Students will use problem solving to develop artworks. Students will critique their artwork based on elements of art and specific project guidelines.**

**COURSE OBJECTIVES: Students will be able to…**

**- Learn vocabulary and art concepts through the elements of art and principles of design.**

**- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of multiple skills.**

**-Use critical thinking skills**

**- Improve and develop fine motor skills.**

**- Demonstrate the use of multiple artistry tools.**

**- Explore art in society.**

**- Create projects that yield individual creativity and personal interpretation in a final portfolio.**

**SUGGESTED SUPPLIES**

-A *spiral* bound sketchbook

--A #2 pencil to class and vinyl or plastic eraser

**ATTENDANCE**

Please be prepared and on time for class. If you are absent it is your responsibility to find out what you missed. You will not full credit for work assigned if you have an unexcused absence. Points on long-term projects will be deducted for unexcused absence(s).

**My personal goal as your Fundamentals of Art teacher is that each student is successful in my classroom.   I am always available to students that need additional help and support. I want all students to realize that the process of art is one that requires time and practice and can often take many revisions to perfect. Sometimes we learn the most from our mistakes. This in an introductory class; where students will have the opportunity for art exploration. I will be open- minded to student ideas but expect students to create images appropriate for school. The best way to contact me if you have any questions or concerns is through email. Please give me 24 hours to respond to your emails.
Thank you,**

**~Mrs. Luba Sordyl**

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**CLASSROOM RESPONSIBILITIES**

-Be on time and prepared for class

-Have a positive attitude

-Respect one another

-Use all materials with care

-Clean up after yourself

-No food or drinks in work areas

**UNITS OF STUDY:**

* 2D and 3D art
* Drawing
* Painting
* Sculpture
* Printmaking

**GRADING:**

1. ****In Class Projects
2. Class Participation and students desire to improve and show growth
3. Self-Assessments
4. Care of supplies and workspace