## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Art with Ms. Bucknam

Welcome back to the art room, and a friendly welcome to those of you who are here for the first time. I hope you are as excited to be in the art room as I am! Our goal in 8<sup>th</sup> grade is to use art as a way to explore and express your identity (as well as to create some great work for you to take home and show off)! We will be doing 5-6 large projects this semester, and if time allows we could make room for more.

I know the first day of any class can be a bit dull because you spend most of the time learning expectations and procedures, but this handout is designed to provide reminders of those expectations, grading, and general aspects within my classroom.

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**Units this Semester** (order may change)

Folder: Graphic Design – Words and Imagery

Clay: Pop Art Clay Selfies

Drawing: Personal Still Life

Sculpture: Masks as Personal Symbolism

Interdisciplinary: Art & Music

Independent Project: Countries of the World

Skill Sheets: 4 per Quarter (your choice)

## **Grading Policies**

In this class, there will be several large units of study. Each unit will consist of a variety of **classwork** (experiments, activities, worksheets, rough drafts, etc.) building toward a **final project**. Nearly everything in this class is graded because it is a reflection of practice, artistic habits, development, and learning.

**Classwork** is worth 40% of your grade.

**Projects** are large and take longer, and are worth 60% of your grade.

## General Art Room Expectations

In general, there are a few common sense practices to keep in mind when in this classroom. I should not have to explain why these are important, so the following are to remain unquestioned and respected:

**Be Respectful** – pay attention to demonstrations and instructions, no interrupting or blurting out, raise your hand to ask a question, work quietly, respect personal space, be kind.

**Be Responsible** – use art materials and tools appropriately, focus on work during class time, be a problem-solver, clean all space and materials used, help others, keep your work organized.

**Be Ready** – be physically and mentally ready: bring a pencil, and have a positive attitude!

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