**Multimedia/Crafts I Syllabus**

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**Course Overview:**

Multimedia/Crafts 1 gives students the opportunity to explore traditional and contemporary crafts and mixed media works of art. Students in this course will create projects such as paper craft, painting, ceramics, basketry, fused glass, jewelry, mosaics, and paper making while using a variety of materials. Students will work individually and collaboratively to express their ideas, grow their skills, and think conceptually. This course follows state SOL’s and Albemarle County’s Lifelong Learning Standards and Essential Understandings. We will be using Google Sites to organize inspirational images, preliminary sketches, and photos of our finished projects to create an online portfolio of our work throughout the year.

**Student Objectives:**

* Gain a range of visual experiences that challenge his/her perception, curiosity, technical skills, expressiveness and creativity, developed through drawing and actual 3-D form.
* Be aware the functionality of craft and the detail it requires.
* Learn different multimedia techniques.
* Develop a personal approach to the production of your artwork.
* Form and refine value judgments of your own work and the work of others. (critique)
* Learn about historical and contemporary approaches to mixed media/crafts across cultures, concepts and styles.
* Explore a variety of materials and tools, and develop respect/responsibility for safe use and maintenance of these tools and materials.
* Learn to mount and display finished art.

**Teacher Expectation:**

* Attend all classes, and be on time.
* Complete all classwork by specified dates and in a dedicated manner.
* Maintain and properly use all materials and work spaces within the classroom.
* Clean up at the end of each class period.
* Be an active participant in all classroom activities.
* Demonstrate significant increased skills, knowledge, concepts and independence of working processes in the area of craft, critiquing own work and that of others, and history of multimedia/craft.
* Become increasingly effective and independent in problem solving.
* Be considerate, respectful, and courteous to your fellow classmates and their artwork.
* Respect all classroom (no canned drinks, no texting) and AHS rules.

**Materials & Fees:** Students need only to bring a pencil to class each day. However, from time to time I may ask students to bring in disposable materials such as aluminum soda cans, boxes, etc. **The materials fee for this class is $30 due no later than Sept. 1.**

**Grading:** Projects will be graded based on stated criteria outlined in the project’s rubric. Five points will be taken off for each class period a project is late. Class participation and responsible behavior will factor into the Effort portion of each project. Exams and assessments of the student’s learning reflect the school policy. Exam exemptions are outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook. Student grades are comprised of class projects worth 75% and critiques/sketches/website worth 25%.

**All** students will be participating in a final culminating assessment that will count for 20% of their second semester grade and exempt them from the final exam during Exam Week.

**Attendance**: Attendance is crucial to successful projects since it is hard to bring home 3D work. A missed class must be made up during CHAT period as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange this make-up time.

**Daily Routine:**

Jump Start: Students will enter the room, check the board for the first activity of the day, and promptly begin it. These activities may include sketching images, taking notes, and/or creating small projects.

Project Development: After the Jump Start I will introduce a new goal or review our existing project reminding students of their project goals. Students are responsible for getting their materials and starting work.

Clean Up: Fifteen to ten minutes before the end of class students must put all their materials away and clean their tables. This may entail wiping down their tables or sweeping the floor to leave the room in the same condition we found it.

**Class Expectations:** Good students are expected to constantly be working to improve their skills. Successful students avoid wasting time, excessive social conversation, and any behavior that detracts from an organized, safe, and pleasant art studio and classroom. Please be advised that students who spend most of their time talking and visiting during class often fail to complete assignments or do inadequate jobs.

**Honor Pledge:**  Cheating is not acceptable.  Students must know the school pledge, "On my honor, I have neither given or received unauthorized aid on this work" and understand they must abide by the pledge on all written work, tests, and projects. If you are caught stealing someone else's work and passing it off as your own you will get an automatic zero for the project.

**Communication:** Parents/Guardians are expected to check the parent portal for grades and will also be notified by e-mail if the student is in danger of failing.  Interim grades will be given the first four and half weeks of the term.  I will reply to your email or phone message within 48 hours. Please look for class information on my website listed above and linked through AHS website.

**Fundraising:** We will do some fundraising to cover the cost of expensive materials.