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**8th Grade VISUAL ART**

 The 8th grade Visual Art curriculum continues to build a strong foundation on the basics of what is taught in 6th grade. The ELEMENTS of Art: line, texture, form, space, value, color, and shape; as well as the PRINCIPLES of Design: unity, balance, contrast, movement, pattern, rhythm, and emphasis are the center of student focus while conceptualizing and developing artwork. Problem solving in these areas requires the use of decision-making skills and flexible thinking which results in both artistic and academic growth. Students acquire basic art vocabulary along with the ability to observe, describe, and discuss Visual Art. A wide range of materials and techniques are available including drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpture.

\***ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A WOOD PENCIL AND SKETCHBOOK EVERYDAY**

**Grades**

Students’ grades are based on how well they meet the specific criterion of each assignment according to the State of Montana Middle School Visual Art Standards (these can be found on the district website), as well as their attitude and effort in class. The usual A-F grade is given. Their grades will not reflect a comparison to their peers who may have more experience and practice. All students who focus on Art during class, turn in complete assignments on time and participate with a positive attitude will be successful!

\*I accept any/all late/incomplete work until the end of each quarter, If it is not turned in by then, it is a zero.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns! - Mr. Maden