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Rancho San Justo Middle School  
Room: E1

## **Visual Arts Course Expectations**

The Visual Arts program will focus on the following standards:

**Artistic perception:** students learn basics in the use of line, shape, form, color, value, space, and texture.

**Creative expression:** students create original pieces of art using a variety of different media.

**Aesthetic valuing:** students learn to analyze and identify aesthetic qualities of art from other cultures as well as their own artwork. Students will be able to use artistic vocabulary learned in this course to critique artwork according to a set of criteria. They will also do a self-evaluation of their own art as it represents progress over time.

**Historical/Cultural Connections:** students learn to connect art to other subjects across the curriculum and to the world around them. Students will write about art from a specific time period or artist and explain a particular piece of art, its era and meaning to the culture in which it belongs. Common core standards for written and oral language will be incorporated.

**Classroom expectations:** Be prepared, be respectful, and be on time. Students may have their planner, classroom sketchbook, art materials and art supplies at their table. Backpacks are to be hung on hooks by the door. No use of cell phones, Ipods, or headphones are permitted in class. These objects will be confiscated and taken to the office to be picked up by a parent. All school rules outlined in the Rancho San Justo Parent/Student handbook apply.

**Classroom management:** Students are responsible for their learning and behavior. As an elective class, students will be allowed to move throughout the classroom to complete projects, as necessary. Movement through the class should not be disruptive to other students who are working at their assigned tables. Students are expected to be respectful of the art room and art supplies. They are responsible for cleaning their work area, as well as responsible for putting supplies back in their proper place.

**Quizzes:** There will be quizzes on vocabulary, notes and class discussions periodically throughout the semester. Students will be encouraged to take class notes home to study before a quiz.

**Materials:** Students will need a pencil, eraser and pencil sharpener everyday. All art materials provided by the school are to be used for the purpose in which they are instructed. Helping to keep materials in good condition is appreciated.

**Homework/Late Work:** Any artwork that is not turned in by the project due date will become homework. Projects turned in after the due date will become late/incomplete work. Late work must be completed within the 6 week grading period and will be given partial credit.

**Absences:** Please check classroom whiteboard for assignments and due dates. See me for materials, if needed. Two days of make up time will be given for each day absent. Projects may need to be completed at home in order to keep up with new projects/due dates given in class while you were gone.

**Extra Credit:** Extra credit assignments will be available during most units of study. Extra credit assignments are connected to the current standard being covered in class. All regular assignments must be completed before extra credit will be accepted.

**Grades:**

Assignments (Class work, projects, notes)	50%
Participation ( <u>on task and working</u> on daily art projects)	30%
Quizzes	20%

\* 10 participation points are given each day. Participation points require class time to be used for projects, make up work, extra credit assignments and drawing skills practice \*