



Visual Art Class

Mrs. Burden

McConnell Middle School

I am pleased to welcome you/your student to Visual Art! The goal of the visual art course at McConnell Middle School is for students to learn not only how to make art, but how to perceive and interpret it, and how to discover and explore their own individual means of visual expression. Through a sequential group of art projects, we will explore many different art media such as drawing, painting, sculpture, and ceramics. We will also make connections to important artists and movements in art history, as well as learning how to view and critique artwork to find our own meaning.

Grade Weight:

Formative Assignments	40%
Summative Assignments	50%
Final Exam	10%

Grading & Make Up Policy:

- In the case of any type of absence, the student is responsible for making up any missed classwork. A schedule of the day's activities as well as resources from the day's lesson will be available on our eClass page.
- Help Day for Art is available by request on Wednesdays. If needed, please see Mrs. Burden to schedule the Help Day and receive a pass.
- ALL assignments are due by the due date, whether they are finished or not. If a student does not finish an assignment by the due date, **I will accept completed or missing assignments for re-grading any time before the end of the semester.**

McConnell Gallery Art Show

Toward the end of each semester, we hold our own opening of the 'McConnell Gallery' here at school as part of McConnell Fine Arts Night. Students and family will be invited to view artwork from both art class and the school art club. Art students will receive an extra credit grade for attending! Date will be announced.

Conduct & Effort

Students are expected to follow all school rules and policies, as well as being ready and respectful each day when entering art class. Some sections of class will involve moving around the room and working with various materials, and so it is especially important to maintain respectful, mature, and safe behavior at all times. Student behavior will be documented (both negative and exemplary) throughout the term and the student will receive a mark on both conduct and effort at the end of the course.

First offense-----warning

Second offense----isolation and student teacher conference

Third offense-----agenda signature, notify parent

Fourth offense---detention

Fifth offense-----administrative referral

Although students may have varying levels of artistic skill, students are expected to show their best effort on all assignments. Student effort will be graded on their use of time, ability to follow instructions, and their willingness to assume responsibility for their own work.

Donations:

Please consider donating the following items to help in our classroom and on some of our art projects:

- **Kleenex**
- **Hand Sanitizer**
- **baby wipes**
- **copy paper!!**
- **bubble wrap**

Art Class Website: <http://mmsartclass.weebly.com>

I am excited to get to know you and your student as we move forward in art class. If you need to contact me for any reason, I can be reached by phone at 770-554-1027 or by email at Layla_Burden@gwinnett.k12.ga.us.

Sincerely,

Layla Burden
Visual Arts