

## **Mrs. Rothermel's Digital Arts I & II, Class Syllabus, Barker & Krueger Middle School**

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**Materials Needed for Class Daily:** Charged Chromebook, composition notebook (that will stay in the classroom for sketchbook & notes, something to write with, headphones/earbuds, and school planner. (Failure to come to class prepared may result in consequences.)

**Course Description:** Students will study and learn about Art Appreciation, Art History, Art Movements, Art Concepts, and Art Philosophies. Students will study, learn, and practice using several of the different Elements and Principles of Art. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of the Elements and Principles of Art through the creation of their Digital Artworks. Students will be using free online computer art programs for drawing, painting, photo editing, animation. All digital art projects will be assigned and submitted through our online Schoology classroom. Mrs. Rothermel has a YouTube channel that features demonstrations on how to begin all of the Digital Projects and much more.

**Academic Expectations:** Students are expected to keep a notebook which will contain their Daily Art Lessons and Rough Drafts. Students may work at their own pace on all Digital Projects assigned in Schoology. Students have until the end of each Quarter to complete all of the 10 assigned Digital Projects, but are advised not to fall behind. Please note that all work not turned in on its due date will be marked "0" for Missing in PowerSchool until it is turned in and graded.

**Grading:** All graded work will be averaged together.

- **Daily Art Lessons:** Will be assigned and completed daily in student Notebooks. Students will draw an assigned artwork, label it by its artist/title/year/media, define vocabulary words, and answer a Reflection Question.
- **Digital Projects:** A new Digital Project will be assigned weekly in Schoology and graded/entered into PowerSchool the following week. Each project is worth 25 points each. There are 20 Digital Projects (10 per Quarter).
- **Rough Drafts:** A new Rough Draft is assigned and completed each week for each Digital Project in the student Notebook that lists the Project Name, 5 Project Requirements, and a student plan/sketch of the Digital Project.
- There are 20 Rough Drafts (10 per Quarter). Rough Drafts are graded at the end of the week they are assigned. Rough Drafts are worth 25 points each.
- **Tests:** Students will be tested periodically to check for student understanding of course unit material. Students may use their textbooks to complete their textbook tests. There are 12 textbook tests for 8th grade and 6 textbook tests for 7th grade. Tests are entered into PowerSchool the following week they are assigned. Test point values vary for 7th grade and are 15 points each for 8th grade.
- **Schoology:** All assignments that are assigned in Schoology must be submitted in Schoology. Assignments shared via school email will be marked down one letter grade.

**If You are Absent:** Students who are absent are required to meet Mrs. Rothermel upon their first day back to class. If you know ahead of time that you're going to be absent –please let me know. Be sure to keep up with any new Assignments in Schoology.

**On-Time Assignment Grading Policy:** Assignments are graded and entered into PowerSchool on their Due Date in Schoology. Assignments are graded and entered in entire class batches. Assignments not present in Schoology at the time they are batch graded will be marked with a "0" and "Missing" in PowerSchool. Once a class batch of assignment grades are completed and saved in PowerSchool, the "On Time Window" will be closed. Students who wish to keep their grades up in PowerSchool need to turn in their Assignments ON TIME.

**Late Assignment Grading Policy:** All Missing Assignments can be made up. No points will be taken off for assignments turned in late. All Late Assignments will be graded and entered into PowerSchool by the end of the Quarter. Late Assignments will be marked "Late" in PowerSchool.

**Class Critiques:** We will be doing weekly Class Critiques of your digital artwork to celebrate those who are done, help those who are not, to share ideas with one another.

**Art Classroom Rules:**

**We do...**

- 1) Nice
- 2) Quiet
- 3) Seated
- 4) Patient
- 5) Working
- 6) Raised Hand
- 7) Respectful

**Consequences:**

- 1) Verbal Warning
- 2) Time Out with Think Sheet
- 3) Exclusion to Office/Inhouse
- 4) Parent/Guardian Contact
- 5) Referral

**\*Note:** All Consequences are subject to their order of issue upon the severity of an individual's behavior, kept on file, and scored into Behavior Grades.

**Mrs. Rothermel's Rock-n-Roll Art Stars:** Students going above and beyond Mrs. Rothermel's regular classroom expectations can earn various rewards.

**Mrs. Rothermel's Student Contact Policy:** I do not communicate via Google Hangouts or Google Messenger. I do email only -and will answer your questions within 1-2 regular school days within regular school hours.

**Mrs. Rothermel's Parent Contact Policy:** I do not communicate via Google Hangouts or Google Messenger. I do email only -and will answer your questions within 1-2 regular school days during regular school hours. I also answer school phone messages within 1-2 regular school days during regular school hours.

**Mrs. Rothermel's Go Guardian Policy:** Your computer screen must be visible to me during our class period. Failure to do so may result in consequences. I do chat messages, take screenshots, close tabs, and lock computers WHEN necessary. I also confiscate computers during class if you are being disruptive and/or not following my directions.

**Mrs. Rothermel's Student Cell Phone Policy:** Students are NOT to have their cell phones out during class without my permission –not EVEN to charge them. Your best interest is to not bring your cell phone to my class. But, if you MUST –you are to keep them quiet and in your pocket at ALL times. You MAY not listen to music with them. If I see/hear your cell phone –I will be locking it up until the end of our class period. Failure to turn off your phone and kindly hand it over will result in you being sent to the office.

**Mrs. Rothermel's Promise to Students:**

I promise that I will protect your right to learn and love school by following our Classroom Management Plan every time a rule is broken.

I understand Mrs. Rothermel’s Digital Arts Syllabus:

X\_\_\_\_\_ (Student Signature)      Date: \_\_\_\_\_