**Welcome to Art at Leesville Road Middle School**

**http://lrmsart-design.weebly.com/**

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In art we will explore various art, design techniques and artists. A strong emphasis on the elements and principles of design will be incorporated into each of the curriculum classes at the appropriate developmental level. We will explore the use of these techniques and principles through a variety of activities utilizing the Design Thinking Process. The works of great artists will serve as inspiration.

We will incorporate a portfolio assessment model where work will be photographed/documented at the beginning, middle, and end to assess growth. The NC State DPI Arts Assessment Program is being used. An interdisciplinary approach will be used in this class. A distinct feeling of working in a design studio will be created. A team approach will be utilized to challenge students to set high standards for quality work and maximum creativity. Design tool sheets and sketchpads will be used to plan and track the student’s progress during their projects. Daily reflection techniques are used to aide students in tracking their progress. It is essential that all work be turned in on time and done to the best of the student’s ability. The assessments will show visually the plan for their assignment and final assessment. The final projects will be evaluated in complete form. If there is a need, reworking the work on weekends or in an afterschool designated time.

Grading will incorporate learning targets that each student will see posted in the room and on their tables in the art room. Students are expected to demonstrate good classroom participation and exhibit the following learning behaviors in a respectful and cooperative manner each quarter:

\*Keep work areas clean for safety.

\*Create five line designs.

\* Prepare an original, typed newspaper article of an exhibit at a gallery, museum, or public work of art that students spent time viewing and evaluating the work. (Criteria will be explained and practiced in class)

\* Create a QUALITY art project of his/her choice at home.

\* Make daily sketches (63) in a personal sketchpad dating each drawing. Eight to ten sketches can be used and the planning tools from the tool kit on their work stations can be used to design the construct quality design challenge.

\*Complete all assignments and learn common art vocabulary as frequently seen on the SAT.

Any performance less than above will result in a lower grade for the course. In addition, each student is assessed on their own personal work, growth, and the assignment criteria met. Those students who need additional support or wish to work on a Portfolio to submit for consideration for high school Art 2 will be offered time after school one time a month for grade 6-7 and twice a month for grade 8. Parents must pick students up by 5:30 pm or ride the after school activity bus at 5 pm. When a student finishes an assignment or design challenge in class, there are always independent activities available. THERE IS NO FREE TIME IN ART!

MATERIALS NEEDED: Three ring notebook for handouts, 9x12 spiral sketchpad, Pencils (grade 2H, HB, 2B, 4B), Ultra-fine Sharpie or similar black marker, Eraser (kneaded), Colored Pencils

Behavioral Expectations:

1. All Wake County Public School rules must be honored. 2. All Leesville Road Middle School rules must be honored. 3. STUDENTS WILL RESPECT ALL PEOPLE AND MATERIALS. 4. Students will work and turn in work responsibly. 5. Students are responsible for quality, original work.

BRING TO SCHOOL DAILY

By signing this below I agree to do my best!

Parent Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone or Phone Contact:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I agree to let my student and their work to be photographed for necessary school documentation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I agree to allow my students art to be posted on the LRMS website:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please note any special information I should know to aide your student in their success: