

Welcome to Ms. Schmit's Wonderful World of Art & Design

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What to Expect in This full year class is filled with project based learning activities that boost your critical thinking habits, improve your visual language, grow your creativity even further, and take your art making skills to the next level. We will focus our exploration of the world of art through the *8 Studio Hobbits of Mind*.

A Nutshell

Be ready to read, write, and make art every day! All classes will...

- Generate artist work using a variety of tools and skills
- Build skills essential for being career and college ready.
- Create artistic ideas and works with social, cultural, and historical context to deepen your understanding and connections to the world around you.
- Describe, analyze, interpret, reflect on, and evaluate personal and peer work.
- Develop and maintain a physical and digital portfolio of all work
- Synthesize related knowledge and personal experience to make art

Class Assignments:

All work (including unfinished work) turned in on time can be finished later, reworked, and resubmit for grading.

ALL WORK IS IMPORTANT! No points lost for late work.

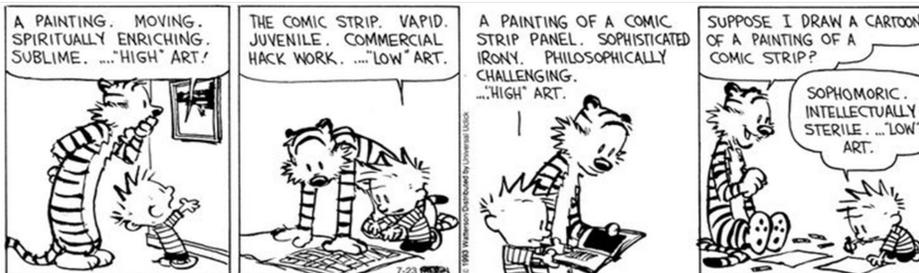
Daily Work (Informal): Daily work will lock Tuesday the following week, no exceptions. Every day you have tasks to complete listed on the class blog. You'll need to turn in the evidence of doing them (notes, sketches, progress images, etc) at the end of class on Canvas. Think of this as the Check Points in a video game. These Check Points give you a chance to respond to feedback before submitting for a formal assessment.

Planning Evidence and Projects (Formal): Last day for Late/Re-grade Formal work: 2 days before end of quarter. These assignments are when you submit the evidence from your daily work for final, more formal, evaluation. Think of this as the boss fight at the end of a level in a video game.

Mrs. Schmit's Class Schedule

A1 - Ceramics Beginning	B1 - Metal & Fibers IPA
A2 - Ceramics Beginning	B2 - 8th Grade Art
A3 - Sculpture IPA	B3 - Planning
A4 - Planning	B4 - Ceramics IPA

Please contact me with any questions or concerns as they come up. **Email is the best way to reach me** frequently have meetings during my planning. I do my best to check it at least once a day and will reply as soon as I read it.



Visual Arts Booster

www.nwsavab.com/donations

Suggested Donation: \$20/visual arts class

Students will always have access to the materials they need to be successful; However, the Visual Arts Boosters (VAB) help support our program with the extraordinary opportunities unique to NWSA. They help fund things like: stipends for guest teaching artists, entry fees for Scholastic Art Competition, materials for student art shows, additional higher quality art supplies for unique projects, scholarships and more. To continue doing these things we ask for the suggested donation amount above.

Stuff Needed Everyday

Pencil, Pen, Sketch book (9x12), Note paper, Folder/Binder, and a portfolio for transporting artwork/supplies

Class Rules

1. **Mutual Respect**, includes everyone and everything
2. **Show Up!** both mentally and physically
3. **Do YOUR best!** It's all based on *your* personal progress

Grades

Updated and posted weekly on Canvas. Check assignment descriptions in Canvas and CreativeSchmit.com for more specific descriptions of assignments and grading rubrics. Late/regrade work will be entered with next round of grading.

Evaluation: The Keys To Success

These are the principles that guide how work is evaluated

1. **Skill:** *ability level* of specific tasks.
2. **Craftsmanship:** overall *quality* of your work
3. **Creativity:** *uniqueness* of your approach to the topics and requirements presented to you.
4. **Effort:** evidence of *time, energy, and thoughtfulness* reflected in the quality and quantity of work.

Class PED Policy

No PED's 1st 10 min or during demo's. Basically don't be rude or let it distract you or interrupt others. Yes, this is your warning. CMS policy = No Phones. During main work time you may use them for research and music.

Your Grade

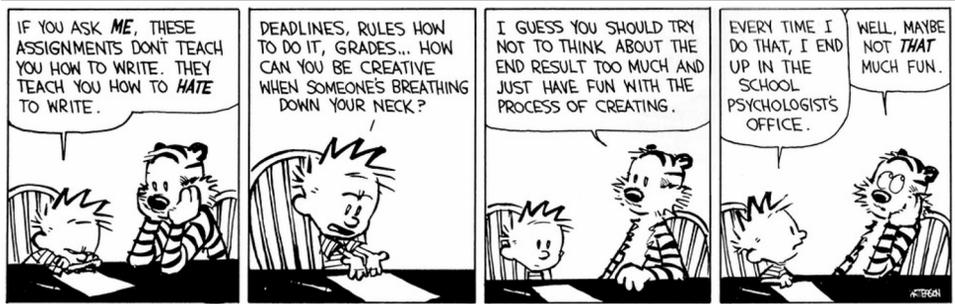
Part 1: Formal Grades

65-70% overall grade

Art Projects, Assignments, & Exams

Grade Scale

- A.....97%-100%
- A.....93%-96%
- A-.....90%-92%
- B+.....88%-89%
- B.....83%-88%
- B-.....80%-82%
- C+.....78%-79%
- C.....73%-78%
- C-.....70%-72%
- D+.....68%-69%
- D.....63%-68%
- D-.....60%-62%
- F.....51%-59%
- Missing or Incomplete
50% and lower



Late-Formal Assignments: can be turned in for full credit up until 2 day's before end of quarter.

Planning Evidence & Art Projects: all work is given in class. Students will have plenty of time to complete work at school but may take things home to put in some extra effort or make up for missed class time. These scores reflect not just if you met the requirements but the quality of the work as well.

Homework: The *Gallery Project* is the only work students will be required to do at home (handout with instructions on last page. It usually takes about 1-2 hours total to complete and will need to complete 1 by end of each semester. Otherwise the only homework will be to make up work on missed when absent, to put in extra time on projects if desired, or for looking ups source images for projects.

Exams: There are lots of ways to demonstrate your level of understanding of things we learn in this class and exams are one of them. Remember it's really just a way to show off what you've learned and see where you have some areas to grow. Remember you can always retake as well.

Improving Grades: Do your best to keep up however unfinished work can be turned in on time for a lower grade. You are welcome to improve a score on all formal assignments (including exams)

Last Call for Work: 2 days before the end of each quarter for all classes. I need time to grade, enter scores, and make sure everything is accurate before they are posted.

NOTE: If you end up with more points to make up than time please let me know asap! I understand life can get crazy and am willing to work with you on coming up with some alternative solutions; However, don't be like Calvin and wait till last week of quarter to try and fix your grade.

Grading System in a Nut Shell

Keys to Success	Excellent	Proficient	Progressing	Needs Improvement
These concepts are used to evaluate your work. Going above and beyond what is "required" is the path to success.	A / 90-100% √+ 18-20pt	B / 80-89% √ 16-17pts	C / 70-79% √- 14-15pts	D / 60-69% √-- 12-13pts
Skill A task. There are different levels for all skills. Just because you do it once doesn't necessarily mean you've "mastered" it. Everyone <i>always</i> has room to grow.	high level of understanding; you get it	moderate level of understanding; you mostly get it	low level of understand; you're close to getting it	Skill missing or not demonstrated enough; can't tell if you get it or not
Craftsmanship How well something is generally made and/or put together. Always protect work from anything that may damage your work and apply appropriate finishing skills	High Quality Well made excellent finishing techniques	Good Quality some minor problems mainly just need practices for improvement	Needs Improvement a little messy Slowing down and taking your time will help improve fastest	Needs lots of improvement very messy Need to put more effort into taking your time.
Creativity How unique /original your idea is compared to others	Unique personal approach to requirements	Blended examples or similar to other work in the class, but tried to make it your own new idea	Similar to Examples but did a little something to make it your own	Copied little, if any, attempt at an new idea.
Effort Evidence of time, energy, and focus put into your work.	Exceeds Expectations lots of evidence and is reflected in all keys	Adequate need minor adjustments to work habits; ex., slow-down/speed-up	Below Expectations Need to tweak habits a lot- fixing this this will help improve all keys.	Needs Improvement Very Little evidence. Major changes need to work habits

"F" work (50% or lower) = work was NOT turned or too incomplete to evaluate. How to fix: if Canvas will let you, turn it in!
If you have questions about any score, you are welcome to email me.

Your Grade

Part 2: Informal Grades

30-35% of your overall grade

Daily Work and Progress Checks

(Like checkpoints in a video game)

Daily Work Assignments: everyday there will be a list of what you need to complete on CreativeSchmit.com. At the end of class you will need to take pictures and upload them to the daily work assignment for class that day. Only PDF's and JPG's will be accepted. Use your Chromebooks for photos Daily Work assignments- file sizes will automatically be in correct format and will be smaller files which are easier to upload.

Late Informal Assignments: can be turned in until 11:59pm, after that it will be marked late in Canvas, but can still turn in until Tuesday the following week for full credit.

After following Tuesday the assignment will lock and can't be made up. If you miss a couple of informal assignments it won't kill your grade as long as you're making up the work. Remember it will be turned in for formal evaluation later- and that's where points will impact your grade the most.

Other Class Expectations

Consequences: the results of your choices

Positive: when class rules are followed and general class expectations met, we do more stuff, more independence by building trust, and less nagging from parents/guardians and Ms. S.

Negative: Breaking Rules or failing to meet expectations, means more nagging, less cool stuff, less trust resulting in less independence.

1st warning: given verbally in class and/or in classwork comments.

2nd warning: parents/guardians notified

3rd Warning: office referral and parents/guardian notified usually resulting in either a parent meeting, ISS, or OSS.

Depending on severity, may skip to Office Referral or immediate ISS.

What to do if...

- **Forget Supplies**: work on Gallery Project or other computer work that will add more depth to the current topics we are exploring.
- **Get overwhelmed or behind**: ask for help, we'll come up with a way for you to get what you need to get done and caught up.
- **Have questions about anything**: take time to think for yourself, re-read the materials given in class, and check with your classmates first. You'll probably find your answer there but yes you can always ask questions.
- **Need to use hall pass**: bathroom, get a drink, get something from another class, etc. Wait until general worktime for class is best but in any case just check in with Ms. S as needed. If you're gone for more than 5 minutes, search parties will be sent out.

Things that Bring Great Joy...

(will help you produce your best work)

- Showing up on time ready to work.
- Using worktime wisely
- Being pro-active about everything!
- Positive attitude
- Having positive art-self-esteem
- Demonstrating high level of integrity
- Having materials here ready to work
- Working on Warm-up for entire time
- Using materials and equipment appropriately
- Going above and beyond requirements.
- Always striving for your absolute best especially on the days you think you can't.



Things that Bring Great Sorrow...

(negatively impact your progress and others around you)

- Creativity avoiding work (ex: "thinking" or spending more time preparing to work rather than actually working)
- Asking "what are we doing today" or "did I miss anything"
- Stopping any task early
- Complaining and negative/judgmental attitude
- Giving unconstructive and/or rude feedback
- Asking questions when the answers were just given.
- Using Personal Electronic Devices inappropriately
- Rushing project as last second and ruining it- it's better to turn it in unfinished- you can always finishing later.
- Basically anything that distracts you from completing your work to the best of your ability.



Attendance

It's your responsibility to find out as well as make up work-*before coming to me*, check CreativeSchmit.com and with classmates first. Being in class is vital for your success; however I know life happens. If you're absent more than 10 days (even if excused) you will need to make up seat time according to North Carolina law; otherwise you will receive an "FF" even if you have 100% in everything in the class. If you fall into this category talk to me and we can usually work something out. **Yes, you will always miss something when absent!**

