

The Visual Art Palette

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CURRICULUM

WELCOME

... To 7th and 8th grade art students. The Art Department has a busy and exciting year planned for you. This newsletter is provided for you with information about the program at Barnett Junior High.

The Art Department follows the curriculum based on the four disciplines of art – art production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics. These four disciplines encourage students to create, investigate, appreciate and question art in ways that require critical thinking skills. In art classes, reading, writing, math, history and science become part of the art lessons. Art is part of everyone's life. We want our students to become more aware of art and appreciate art as a way

EXPECTATIONS

*All students are expected to follow the rules and procedures of the classroom and school. In the art classes, we have several procedures which help to move the class along in an orderly manner. This is needed because of using so many different materials such as paint, clay, colored pencils, paper mache to name a few. It takes more time to cleanup the room before leaving the class.
*All students are expected to do their best and finish all projects.

ART JOURNAL / TESTS

1. Journal entry everyday. Grade every two weeks.
2. Written tests over units of study
3. Written semester exams.
4. All papers, worksheets and projects count on the grade.

Art Shows

We will be participating in the following:

- Martin Luther King Art Competition
- PDC Exhibit
- July 4th Art competition
- Youth Art Month in March

Supplies

DON'T FORGET YOUR ART SUPPLIES FOR CLASS

See Attached sheet

**Best
Wishes
For a
Great
Year**

How Art Helps us Grow...

1. Develops creative thinking
2. Provides means of self-expression
3. Serves as an emotional release
4. Strengthens self-concept and confidence
5. Increases self-understanding
6. Heightens aesthetic awareness and sensitivity
7. Enhances the ability to visualize
8. Encourages creative problem-solving/decision making
9. Develops appreciation for individuality of others
10. Aids physical coordination
11. Develops work habits and a sense of responsibility
12. Generates joy

PROJECTS ----

Some of our projects this year will include: painting, paper mache, clay, printmaking, drawing, tessellations, graphic design, bookmaking, collage and computer art. Various artists will be studied to illustrate each unit of study.