**Mrs. Buhler Studio in Crafts**

**Studio in Crafts Grading Policy**

**Studio in Crafts students meet EVERY day for the entire year.**

**Studio Projects: 55%**

Studio Projects count for 55% of the students’ grade each Marking Period. Studio projects are graded using a variety of assessments, including: Rubrics, Student Self-Assessments, Class Critiques, portfolios of work over time, and one-on-one conferencing between students and teachers.

**Notebook/SketchBox Checks: 25%**

Notebook/SketchBox account for 25% of the students’ overall grade each marking period. Notebook checks are conducted every few weeks. Students use their notebook or SketchBox EVERY day during a lesson.

Some prompts include:

1. Observe a work of art and write responses, thoughts and comments about it
2. Learn about the culture and history of the artist and take notes
3. Make a personal connection to the artist or artwork
4. Research and collect evidence of learning about a work of art, technique or style of art

*A student’s notebook grade is determined by the following criteria: organization, writing, neatness, and effort.*

**Art Tests: 15%**

After each art history unit, there is an Art History Test (usually 1 Art History Test per marking period). The Art History Test is multi-sensory. Students watch a video or slideshow where artists discuss their life and artwork while images of their artwork are playing. Based on the video slideshow, students must recognize the artists and artwork. There is also a multiple-choice section based on vocabulary, techniques, tools, and materials studied during each unit.

**Homework: 5%**

Throughout the course of the semester, students are assigned homework. Generally, art homework asks students to bring in a picture or inspiration for a project or share important information with their families.

**Midterm and Final Exam**

In January there will be a midterm exam. In June, there will be a final exam. Both the midterm and final exam will be a combination of creating and writing about art using the skills and techniques learned throughout the course.

* The midterm exam counts as a TEST grade. The final exam counts as 1/5 of the student’s overall average (each marking period grade is 1/5 and the final is 1/5). The final consists of a studio project and a written exam.

**Extra Credit: (up to 10% added to final grade)**

There are opportunities for students to earn extra credit each marking period. There are bonus questions on the Art History Tests as well as extra credit given for artwork created by the student on his/her own time. In addition, students can receive extra credit **for positively contributing to the classroom** community (kindness above and beyond expectations, classroom helper, a student designed project, sharing an inspiration, etc.)