

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Jennifer Abney  
Mandarin High School

## Classroom Expectations- POTTERY 1

**Course Description:** This course is designed to develop and further the student's understanding and appreciation of pottery as a three-dimensional medium and art form. The student will be taught various hand-building skills, techniques used to enhance the visual appearance of the artwork, various stages and operative procedures that go into making a final ceramic piece, the history and contribution of ceramics, and how to properly critique a work of art. Through ceramics, the student will begin to develop an individual style through artistic expression.

### **Materials needed for class:**

- Folder
- Notebook or lined paper for note taking
- Pencils and eraser
- Shoe box to store projects in
- Hardcover novel to reuse and recycle into sketchbook (check thrift stores or dollar store)

**Lab fee:** It is time again to ask for your help and support. This year's lab fee will be **\$35.00**. Lab fees help pay for a year's worth of clay, glaze, and other miscellaneous materials.

Lab fees can be paid online, or cash may be turned in to Mrs. Abney in a sealed envelope. Write the student's name and class period on the outside of this envelope. **LAB FEES ARE DUE AT THE END OF THE FIRST 9 WEEKS!**

Other helpful materials for class that can be found around the house are: plastic containers with lids, old towels, and plastic shopping bags. Thank you!

**Classroom rules:** To have a safe and effective learning environment, students are asked to follow these rules.

1. Respect others and their property at all times
2. Respect the teacher's right to teach and the students' right to learn
3. Candy, food, and drinks are not allowed in the art room
4. Be in your assigned seat, working when the bell rings
5. All rules in the student handbook will be enforced

**Consequences:** If inappropriate behavior occurs or a student chooses to break a classroom rule, the student will receive a warning, a referral, or a conference with the parents will be scheduled.

**Rewards:** Appropriate behavior is not only appreciated, but also expected from high school students. If the class is being productive and following classroom rules they will be rewarded in the following ways:

- Music in the classroom during work time
- Positive notes or emails sent home
- Select own seat for the day

**Tardies:** Each student is expected to arrive on time to class. Repeated tardies will result in disciplinary actions as per the student handbook rules.

**Grading:** Students will be graded on the following items:

- Clay Projects
- Weekly Journal assignments
- Project Reflection Packets
- Homework assignments
- Participation/Behavior grade
- Tests
- Critiques

Projects: Projects will typically be graded out of 100 points and based on the rubric provided at the onset of the assignment. After the teacher's demonstration, students will have several days/weeks in and out of class to complete projects, and will be well aware of the project's due date and critique date.

Homework: Homework will be issued frequently and may include working on or completing a project at home, research, reading, sketching, and other assignments. Sketchbook/Journal assignments will be issued weekly. Homework assignments will be graded based upon completion and effort put forth. All homework assignments are due the following class period unless otherwise stated. One day of makeup is allowed for each excused absence.

Participation/Behavior grade: Each student will earn a monthly participation/behavior grade depending on his or her work ethic, participation, cooperation, attitude, and behavior. This grade will be posted at the end of each month and is worth 100 points.

Tests: Written tests will be issued concerning vocabulary terms, definitions, techniques, and art history. Students will be aware of the test's date, as well as what topics to study.

Critiques: Students will be graded on their written and/or verbal critiques of a project through a series of prompts provided by the teacher.

*\*If the student begins to fall behind, or simply desires to work extra, he or she may come into the art room before school or after school (after school arrangements must be made with the teacher prior to that given work day). Art students are strongly encouraged to utilize the extra time provided by the teacher to stay on schedule.*

*\*NO grades will be rounded up at the conclusion of each quarter. You will receive the exact grade you have EARNED!*

**Extra Credit:** Students have the ability to earn extra credit points in class for participation, winning an art game or contest, and answering extra credit test questions correctly. Students may also bring in the following item for extra credit points on an assignment. (10 points maximum).

- Box of tissues
- Hand soap
- Hand sanitizer
- Bottle of cleaning spray

This will help students' grades and allows us to have these items in the classroom for everyone to use. Please turn in supplies with your name and class period visible on items to be sure you receive credit!

**Parents:** If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress in this class I will be happy to talk to you. I can be reached at the high school before or after school hours at **(904) 260-3911 ext. 1053**, or you may email me at **margresj@duvalschools.org** I look forward to teaching your child about art and hope we can work together to help your child succeed! I am excited for this semester and hope your child is as well!

*The attached expectation sheet will also serve as your DCPS Media Release form, and your signature will authorize the videotaping/filming/photography of your child and/or the release of his/her name and achievement(s) for publishing (print, World Wide Web) and/or broadcasting purposes. Your signature will also consent to the showing of the video/film/photographs to any person. You understand that the Duval County School District is not a party to outside organizations' photography/filming/video production and will hold DCPS and its employees harmless from any liability in connection with a production not produced internally by DCPS.*

**If you do not wish to have your student's information released to the media, please separately indicate this desire on the completed expectation sheet.**

Please view [www.mrsabneyart.weebly.com](http://www.mrsabneyart.weebly.com) to view Mandarin High School students' ceramics projects and for student resources throughout the year!

**Please detach, fill out, and return the following sheet to Mrs. Abney when you have finished reading the classroom expectations. The signed expectation sheet and class lab fee of \$35.00 are worth 25 points each.**