Middle School Level Art & Design

Drawing
Middle School

This drawing course designed for middle school students offers a blend of hands-on practice and guided exploration, focusing on advanced drawing techniques and creative expression. The goal is to deepen students' love for art through sophisticated and effective methods, emphasizing skill development and artistic discovery.

- **Core Principles:**

  - **Advanced Elements of Drawing:** Explore complex concepts such as perspective, proportion, and detailed shading through interactive and enjoyable activities.

  - **Exploration of Diverse Drawing Tools:** Introduce students to a broad range of drawing materials including various pencils, charcoal, ink pens, and markers, focusing on refining drawing techniques.

- **Drawing Techniques and Subjects:**

  - **Perspective Drawing:** Learn to create the illusion of depth and space in art, enhancing spatial understanding and technical skills.

  - **Detailed Still Life:** Develop advanced observation skills by drawing complex objects and setups, focusing on detailed representation and composition.

  - **Portrait Drawing:** Discover the basics of drawing the human face and figure, focusing on proportion, anatomy, and expression.

  - **Landscape and Architectural Drawing:** Encourage exploration of outdoor scenes and architectural structures, fostering an appreciation for natural and built environments.

- **Creative Expression:**

  - **Advanced Shading Techniques:** Experiment with various shading techniques like cross-hatching, stippling, and blending to create depth and texture.

  - **Expressive Drawing:** Encourage personal expression through free drawing sessions, where students can explore their own artistic style.

- **Introduction to Art History and Styles:**

  - **Historical Drawing Styles:** Introduce students to different historical drawing styles and techniques, from classical to modern art.

  - **Cultural Art Exploration:** Explore drawing techniques and subjects from different cultures, broadening their artistic perspective.

- **Group Activities and Collaborative Art:**

  - **Collaborative Drawing Projects:** Engage in group drawing projects, promoting teamwork and collective creativity.

  - **Art Exhibitions and Critiques:** Organize exhibitions or critique sessions where students can present their artwork, fostering a sense of achievement and constructive feedback.

Painting
Middle School

This enriching and immersive painting course designed for middle school students offers a unique blend of hands-on practice and artistic exploration, focusing on advanced painting techniques combined with creative expression. The aim is to deepen students' understanding of art through more sophisticated and effective methods, emphasizing both skill development and artistic discovery.

- **Core Principles:**
  - **Advanced Elements of Painting:** Delve into complex concepts such as color theory, brushwork, and layering through interactive and enjoyable activities.
  - **Exploration of Diverse Painting Media:** Introduce students to a wide range of painting materials including watercolors, acrylics, and oils, focusing on refining painting techniques.

- **Painting Techniques and Subjects:**
  - **Color Theory and Mixing:** Learn advanced techniques for mixing colors, understanding color relationships, and creating mood and atmosphere in paintings.
  - **Advanced Still Life and Landscape Painting:** Develop observation skills by painting intricate still life setups and landscapes, focusing on composition, light, and shadow.
  - **Portrait and Figure Painting:** Explore the basics of painting the human face and figure, focusing on capturing expression and form.
  - **Abstract and Non-Representational Painting:** Encourage exploration of abstract concepts, allowing students to express emotions and ideas beyond physical forms.

- **Creative Expression:**
  - **Texture and Brushwork Techniques:** Experiment with various brush strokes and techniques to create texture and depth in paintings.
  - **Personal Art Projects:** Encourage personal expression through individual painting projects, where students can explore their own artistic style and interests.

- **Introduction to Art History and Styles:**
  - **Historical Painting Styles:** Introduce students to different historical painting styles and techniques, from Renaissance to contemporary art.
  - **Cultural Art Exploration:** Explore painting styles and subjects from various cultures, broadening their artistic perspective.

- **Group Activities and Collaborative Art:**
  - **Collaborative Painting Projects:** Engage in group painting projects, promoting teamwork and collective creativity.
  - **Art Exhibitions and Critiques:** Organize exhibitions or critique sessions where students can present their paintings, fostering a sense of achievement and constructive feedback.

3D Art
Middle School

This 3D art course is designed specifically for middle school students and offers a distinctive blend of hands-on practice and imaginative exploration. The focus is on more advanced techniques combined with the excitement of creative expression. This class is tailored to inspire and challenge middle school students, providing them with an opportunity to explore the fascinating world of 3D art in depth. Through this course, students will develop not only their artistic skills but also their ability to think critically and creatively.

- **Core Principles:**

    - **Introduction to Advanced Elements of 3D Art:** Dive into the advanced fundamentals of 3D art, exploring form, structure, texture, and space through interactive and engaging activities.

    - **Exploration of Diverse 3D Art Materials:** Get hands-on with a variety of materials such as modeling clay, wire, plaster, and recycled items. This module emphasizes more complex construction techniques while maintaining a fun learning experience.

- **3D Art Techniques and Projects:**

    - **Sculpture Making:** Learn the art of creating more sophisticated forms and figures using materials like clay, wire, and plaster. This activity aims to enhance fine motor skills and artistic understanding.

    - **Advanced Construction Projects:** Build complex structures using materials like cardboard, paper tubes, and blocks, encouraging innovative thinking and design skills.

    - **Nature-Inspired Art:** Create art with natural materials like leaves, sticks, and stones, fostering environmental awareness and a connection to nature.

    - **Recycled Material Art:** Understand the importance of sustainability by using recycled materials to create unique 3D artworks, promoting eco-friendly practices.

- **Creative Expression:**

    - **Texture Exploration:** Delve into various materials to discover and create different textures in 3D creations.

    - **Mixed Media 3D Art:** Combine different materials and techniques to craft expressive and unique artworks, encouraging artistic experimentation and creativity.

- **Introduction to Cultural and Historical Art Forms:**

    - **Exploring Global 3D Art:** Embark on an artistic journey around the world, discovering various 3D art forms from different cultures, including pottery, mask-making, and totem sculptures.

    - **Storytelling with 3D Art:** Link art with literacy and cultural exploration by creating 3D scenes or figures that tell a story, enhancing narrative skills.

- **Group Activities and Collaborative Art:**

    - **Collaborative Sculpture Projects: Work** together to create large-scale 3D art projects, fostering teamwork and community spirit.

    - **Class Art Exhibitions:** Organize exhibitions or class displays where students can showcase their 3D artworks to peers and parents, building confidence and pride in their creations.

Printmaking
Middle School

The advanced and imaginative printmaking course designed for middle school students offers a dynamic blend of hands-on practice and artistic exploration, emphasizing more sophisticated printmaking techniques combined with creative expression. In this class students will develop advanced printmaking methods while gaining a deeper understanding of art, focusing on both enjoyment and discovery.

- **Core Principles:**

  - **Introduction to Advanced Elements of Printmaking**: Dive into complex concepts like layering, texture, and detailed patternmaking through interactive and engaging activities.

  - **Exploration of Diverse Printmaking Tools:** Introduce students to a broad range of printmaking materials including linoleum blocks, screen printing, and various inks, focusing on refining printmaking techniques.

- **Printmaking Techniques and Projects:**

  - **Advanced Relief Printing:** Explore creating detailed prints using linoleum or soft-cut blocks, enhancing fine motor skills and an understanding of intricate positive and negative space.

  - **Detailed Nature Prints:** Utilize natural materials in more sophisticated ways to create intricate prints, fostering a deeper connection with the environment and creativity.

  - **Monoprinting Techniques:** Expand the concept of monoprinting with advanced tools and techniques, encouraging unique and spontaneous creations.

  - **Layered Collage Printmaking:** Combine printmaking with collage techniques to create multi-layered mixed media artwork.

- **Creative Expression:**

  - **Intricate Pattern Exploration:** Experiment with creating and repeating more complex patterns in prints.

  - **Advanced Color Mixing in Printmaking:** Deepen understanding of color theory through more intricate color mixing with printing inks.

- **Digital Creation and Printing:**

  - **Incorporating Digital Techniques into Printmaking:** Introduce students to digital printmaking techniques. Explore how digital tools like graphic design software can be used to create original print designs.

  - **Digital Design Fundamentals:** Teach basic principles of digital art, including vector and raster graphics, layering, and digital color palettes. Students will learn to use software to design and manipulate images for printmaking purposes.

  - **Hybrid Art Creation:** Encourage students to blend digital design with traditional printmaking methods. This includes printing digital designs onto transfer mediums for linocut, screen printing, or other traditional techniques.

- **Introduction to Cultural and Historical Printmaking:**

  - **Exploring Global Printmaking Techniques:** Introduce students to diverse printmaking forms from different cultures, including woodblock printing, etching, and stencil art.

  - **Narrative Storytelling through Prints:** Create series of prints that weave intricate stories, linking art with advanced literacy and narrative skills.

- **Group Activities and Collaborative Art:**

  - **Collaborative Print Projects:** Engage in group projects to create large-scale printmaking artworks, promoting teamwork, cooperation, and community spirit.

  - **Class Print Exhibitions:** Organize exhibitions or class displays where students can proudly showcase their printmaking artworks to peers and parents, enhancing their confidence and pride in their artistic achievements.

Collage & Multi-Media Art

Middle School

The collage and multi-media art projects for middle school students offer a rich blend of hands-on practice and artistic discovery, emphasizing advanced collage and mixed media techniques combined with creative expression. The aim is to deepen students' appreciation for art through enjoyment, exploration, and discovery. This course is designed to challenge and inspire middle school students, providing them with the tools and opportunities to explore the diverse and exciting world of collage and multi-media art.

- **Core Principles:**
    - **Advanced Elements of Collage & Multi-Media Art**: Explore complex concepts such as advanced composition, intricate layering, and diverse textures through interactive and exciting activities.
    - **Exploration of Diverse Collage Materials:** Introduce students to a broad range of materials including various types of paper, fabric, yarn, and specialty glues, focusing on advanced collage techniques.

- **Collage Techniques and Projects:**
    - **Paper Collage Creation:** Learn to create sophisticated collages using a variety of paper types, enhancing fine motor skills and deepening the understanding of composition.
    - **Fabric and Textile Collage:** Utilize fabric scraps and textiles to create tactile and visually rich art pieces, promoting sensory exploration and creativity.
    - **Nature-Inspired Collage:** Craft collages using natural materials like leaves, twigs, and seeds, fostering a stronger connection with the environment.
    - **Found Object Collage:** Encourage the use of recycled or everyday objects in creating unique and imaginative artworks, teaching the importance of sustainability and resourcefulness.

- **Creative Expression:**
    - **Texture and Pattern Exploration:** Experiment with a diverse range of textures and patterns to add depth and interest to collages.
    - **Mixed Media Techniques:** Combine collage with other art forms such as painting, drawing, or printmaking to create multi-dimensional artworks.

- **Digital Collage Creation:**
    - **Incorporating Digital Techniques into Collage:** Introduce students to digital collage techniques, exploring how digital tools can enhance traditional collage methods.
    - **Digital Design Fundamentals:** Cover the basics of digital design and how they are applied to digital collage.
    - **Hybrid Art Creation:** Blend digital design with traditional collage and multi-media methods, such as printing digital designs onto various surfaces or combining them with physical materials.

- **Introduction to Cultural and Historical Collage Art:**
    - **Exploring Global Collage Techniques:** Introduce students to a variety of collage and mixed media art forms from different cultures, including mosaic, decoupage, and more.
    - **Storytelling with Collage Art:** Create collages that tell stories or convey messages, linking art with advanced literacy and narrative skills.

- **Group Activities and Collaborative Art:**
    - **Collaborative Collage Projects:** Engage in group projects to create large-scale collage artworks, fostering teamwork, cooperation, and community spirit.
    - **Class Art Exhibitions:** Organize exhibitions or class displays where students can showcase their collage and mixed media artworks to peers and parents, enhancing their confidence and pride in their artistic achievements.