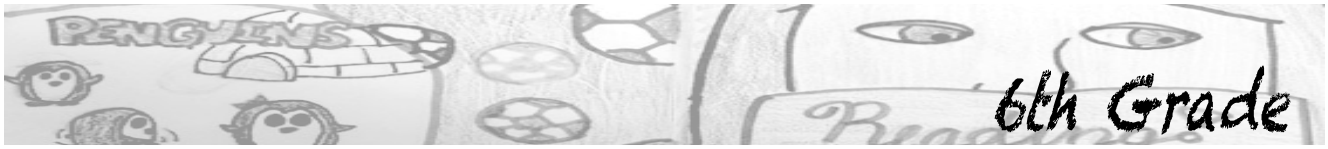
O'Donnell Middle School Art

Course Description



Students will be learning how to apply the elements and principles of design. They will experiment with line, color, shape, texture, scale and proportion. They learn the artistic process from conception, to revision, to the finished product. Each student creates and maintains a personal portfolio. The course emphasizes craftsmanship to help students create high quality artwork. Students are encouraged to be imaginative and self-expressive. Students are expected to put their best effort into every project. The goal is for students to develop as independent artists- not only in art class, but also in all academic areas.

Students continue to expand their knowledge of the elements and principles of design. They explore value, pattern, repetition, composition, and color theory. The focus is on building their skills of craftsmanship and technique. Each student creates and maintains a personal portfolio. Projects are about visual communication, planning, revising and exhibition of final artwork. Students learn that art affects not only the artist, but also the viewer. Self-expression and imagination continue to be emphasized. Effort and craftsmanship are expectations for all students. The goal is for 7th grade students to develop as independent artists that understand how they can affect their peers and their community through visual communication.

Students will build upon the skills, techniques and studio habits that they learned in 6th and 7th grade. They will focus on proportion, perspective and drawing from life. As in previous years, we continue to encourage imagination and self-expression. . Each student creates and maintains a personal portfolio. Students will learn about creative design and product or functional artwork. The goal for 8th grade students is to act as independent artists who can successfully complete work from conception, to revision, to final product. In doing so, they become role models for their peers as well as younger students.