**Art Course Description**

**1st & 2nd Graders**

Students will be exploring the fundamental elements of art in a series of fun projects. They will continue to develop fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination along with their budding imaginations. They will meet mediums like watercolors and oil pastels, and methods like printmaking and collage. Art expression is play in a different way.

**3rd-5th Graders**

Students will be expanding on their art knowledge with projects that have a focus on technique, style, and substance. Art communicates ideas, and they will practice with their critical thinking skills to share them. Students will be using color theory, design concepts, and combining a multitude of mediums to create art. Talking about art with each other and about ourselves can build self-esteem, no matter the finished result. They will hear "trust the process" often.

**6th-8th Graders**

Students will be evolving their art understanding in projects using technical abilities, art history, and discovering their own artistic intuition. Perspective is everything-personally and in pursuit of art. They will practice their awareness with projects in drawing, painting, and sculpture while learning expression with intention. During this course, they will learn about 10 different art periods in history and apply their findings.

**9th-12th Graders**

Students will enhance their artistic abilities with projects that are both individually expressive and collaboratively crafted. They will demonstrate mastery of elements and be able to analyze and interpret art in history and today's current market. In this course, they will be listening to their own artistic voice and interests and applying that to their work. The mediums in this course are fine art and include acrylic and watercolor painting, charcoal and graphite drawing, inks, pastels, and mixed media. Students will also learn about art as it impacts mental and overall well-being for those who use it.