



## Art II – CERAMICS

*Welcome to Ceramics!*

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This is an introductory course designed to offer you an opportunity to explore ceramic media and processes. Through instruction and demonstrations as well as accomplishing a variety of hands-on assignments and projects, you will be given the opportunity to develop a basic understanding of ceramic materials, forming techniques, decorative glazing techniques, and kiln firing. The class will be broken up with first semester demonstrating basic hand building techniques and slab work and second semester working with the potter's wheels and learning how to throw certain forms as well as continued hand building productions.

### **CLASS EXPECTATIONS:**

- You will be expected to come up with original and creative project ideas. All projects start out in your head, then to paper (for a blueprint), then to the construction, and then to the final firing and glazing processes.
- You will also be expected to keep up with the information covered in the book that will be presented in class. We will have comprehension checks through quizzes and tests.
- Remember that this is an ADVANCED ART 2 class, so I will expect you to use the skills you learned in Art 1 such as neat drawings, sketches, coloring, and clay construction. I will always expect your best work!

### **MATERIALS NEEDED:**

\*\* A basic materials cost of **\$15 per semester** to cover clay and glaze costs is required by each student. \*You will not be allowed to take any of your projects home until I have received your semester fees.

\*\* Other materials needed by each student: One roll of paper towels, one box gallon zip lock, empty jar (ex. old pickle jar), old comb or toothbrush, three ring binder with dividers.

Due date for supply money: \_\_\_\_\_

### **FOLDERS:**

A Ceramics binder with dividers to (sections: notes, blueprints, self-assessments, assignments, quizzes/tests) will be required and kept in the classroom. These binders will be graded, so please keep them in the room and organized.

### **CLASS PROCEDURES:**

1. Be to class ON TIME. You will be counted tardy if you are not in class by the last tardy bell.
2. Keep talking to a minimum during studio time.
3. Clean up area at the end of each class. EVERYBODY will share in clean up duties. You will be assigned to a designated clean-up duty and duty cycles will be rotated.
4. There is to be NO misuse of clay... no throwing or wasting. Recycle!
5. Keep your hands to yourself. Do NOT handle or work on other peoples projects... that is considered cheating in this class and will result in a zero.
6. Please get along with others. Be friendly and courteous.

**GRADING:**

60% Projects

40% Assignments, Quizzes, Tests

*I look forward to seeing all of your CREATIVITY and AWESOME projects!*

*-Mrs. Vinklarek*

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***Dear Parent or Guardian:***

*Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns, and I will do the same for you. I am excited to have your child in my ceramics class and I hope you will like the projects he/she will bring home to you!*

*My contact info: [davinklarek@bisdtx.org](mailto:davinklarek@bisdtx.org)*

*CCHS phone #: 772-7300*

*Conference: 6<sup>th</sup> period-- 2:30-3:20*

*Your contact info:*

*Your child's name: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Your name: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Phone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_*

*e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_*