

Amesbury
Middle School
Art
Department
Brochure



5th Grade Art

It is our intention that the art knowledge, skills and techniques that students acquire during their first year at AMS will provide a solid foundation for the subsequent years of school and beyond. The bulk of the 5th grade art curriculum affords students the opportunity to create a series of art projects based on the seven Elements of Art (line, shape, value, form, texture, space and color). We co-teach these units providing the students with a varied program.

It is our hope in the end that each AMS 8th grader graduates with an accomplished Art Portfolio that holds a record of their art experiences at AMS.



6th Grade Art

The 6th Grade Art Curriculum seeks to build and expand upon the skills students have developed in their 5th grade year. We will be focusing on projects that help students to expand upon a theme and begin to develop and make their own artistic choices. Thus, assignments will provide a variety of visual art challenges while encouraging personalization and self-expression.

Some of the concepts and projects you can expect students to be working on include: a two-point perspective drawing, a variation on the theme and styles presented in Renee Magritte's "The Happy Donor", a mixed media chair drawing, a weaving and textile unit, a 3D ceramic and/or Sculpey clay piece and a trip to Boston's Museum of Fine Arts with a social studies connection to Ancient Civilizations.



7th Grade Art

The 7th grade curriculum is a wonderful assortment of projects that range from drawing and painting to linoleum block printing and plaster masks. Students will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to create works using a variety of media. Each of the three required projects will have a focus on a particular skill and/or a known artist.

The grade 7 curriculum builds upon previous knowledge. In the 5th and 6th grade we focus on the Elements of Art and Principles of Design, respectively. In 7th grade we take the information and skills obtained in prior years and apply them to more challenging concepts and media such as linoleum block printing, plaster molds and 3 pt. perspective drawings. We will conclude the school year with our 3 pt. perspective project, which is new to the curriculum this year.



8th Grade Art

We are very excited for this year's 8th grade art curriculum due to the nature of instruction and how it will be carried out. This course will last 1 semester (half year).

We will be studying Photography and Ceramics in which students will be required to complete and turn in 4 projects, 2 photographic and 2 Ceramic. Some of the artists we will look at are Cindy Sherman, Victor Spinski, and Ansel Adams.



Teacher Contact Info and Online Resources:

There are two valuable resources that parents and students can utilize to access the curriculum. The first is the SchoolWorld TeacherSite which can be found on the Amesbury Middle School website (<http://www.amesburyma.gov/webpages/artclasses/>).

In 2013-2014 the AMS Art Department launched what we call 'The Currier Club'. The AMS Art Department will choose 20 works from each grade for every project that will be displayed in My Slideshows on the TeacherSite.

The second resource is Aspen X2. Aspen X2 is the site where parents and students can access grades. This site can be found at <https://ma-amesbury.myfollett.com/aspen/login.do>

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