

Middle School Art Sketchbook Assignments
SKETCHBOOKS ARE DUE **EVERY WEDNESDAY** DURING YOUR
SCHEDULED ART CLASS

As an artist in middle school, you will be required to do **at least one** finished sketch per week in your sketchbook. The purpose of a sketchbook is to encourage you to look harder at things, use your imagination, and explore ideas and techniques that interest, challenge, and stimulate you. In addition to the weekly sketchbook assignment, you are encouraged to fill this space with your own work and drawings of your choice (as long as they are appropriate for school). Use your sketchbook as a place to let out your ideas and thoughts through your art. **When you have finished your sketch, you will need to write one or two sentences describing what you chose to draw and what you like about your sketch.**

Sketchbooks will be due **every Wednesday** at the beginning of your scheduled art time. Friday will be the last day that sketchbooks will be accepted to receive full credit. If you turn in your sketchbook after the Friday deadline, you will receive at most half credit. If you are absent during your class time on Wednesday, you will have until Monday of the next week to turn in your sketchbook to receive full points.

You will receive 10 points for drawings that meet the following expectations:

- Drawing must fill the entire page (2 Points)
- Drawing must use full color or shading. You may use crayons, pencils, colored pencils, paint, etc. It is your choice. (2 Points)
- Drawing must show great attention to detail (2 Points)
- Drawing must be chosen off of the list of ideas given to you (in no particular order) (2 Points)
- One or two sentences must be written describing what you chose to draw and what you like about your sketch (2 Points)
- The date that your sketch is due must be written in the top right corner of the sketchbook page
- Drawings need to be school appropriate

SKETCHBOOK IDEAS

- Draw the inside of your closet
- Illustrate your favorite poem
- Draw the contents of a trash can
- Drawing of a house plant (real or artificial)
- Draw an object with a surface texture
- Draw tools used in certain professions
- Draw a tennis shoe
- Draw a grouping of leaves
- Draw something you might find in a department store display
- Draw a large jar and fill it up with something (candy, toys, rocks, etc)
- Design a school desk
- Draw your favorite snack food
- Draw an object melting
- Draw a bowl of fruit and shade it
- Draw hands holding something
- Draw a mechanical object
- Draw the word as the shape of the object: Such as, the word apple in the shape of an apple, or apples spelling out the word.
- Draw important people in your life
- Draw what you would see if you looked through a key hole
- Draw the contents of your desk drawer
- Draw the contents of your refrigerator
- Draw the inside of your garage
- Draw the view from your bedroom window
- Before the dishes are washed, draw them
- Draw a pile of laundry waiting to be washed
- Draw yourself in a mirror
- Draw someone playing an instrument
- Draw your hand in multiple positions
- Draw your hand holding different objects
- Draw your favorite animal
- Draw what is in the rear view mirror of a car
- Draw a piece of cake and make it look delicious
- Draw moving water; Draw still water
- Draw an object looking through a microscope
- Draw an object seen through glass (how does the glass make a difference)

- Draw something floating
- Draw what you would see below if you climbed a ladder
- Draw what you would see below if you climbed a mountain or hill
- Lie on the floor and draw what is at eye level
- Draw an apple, pear, banana, etc...
- Draw your favorite ice cream
- Cut a picture into small pieces, rearrange the picture in a different order, and then draw it.
- Draw an invention you would like to create
- Make a portrait of yourself and what you think you will look like in twenty years
- Draw a vase and a beautiful flower arrangement in it
- Draw your idea of paradise
- If animals could draw, what would their artwork look like? Draw it.
- Draw a necktie and design an interesting pattern on it
- Draw a medal for yourself. It must be designed for the thing that you do best.
- Draw a city on another planet
- You are a toy designer; Draw your new toy
- Draw a scene from your early childhood
- Draw a crowded elevator on Halloween
- Draw a poster to advertise your favorite movie
- Draw your view from an airplane window
- Draw what you think a garden would like from the view of an insect
- Draw a sandcastle you would build
- Draw a view under a magnifying glass (include the magnifying glass)
- Draw a boat you would like to travel in around the world
- Design a house that you would like to live in
- Write a large number in the middle of the page. Turn it into a person/animal.
- Draw a picture. Cut your picture into squares. Glue the squares in a new design.
- Illustrate a famous saying/quotation
- Draw your greatest fear

- Draw a logo for a TV show
- Design an ad for your favorite music
- Draw a picture of where you would like to fly to
- Draw a picture of someone you would like to visit
- Draw a new sculpture for the sculpture garden
- Draw a picture of your yourself if you grew flowers instead hair
- Take any of the ideas you have already drawn and revise it—redesign it
- Draw your dream car
- Add a machine to a shape (square, circle, etc.) to create a new invention
- Draw a picture. Fold your picture into a fan. Cut little shapes out of the fan (like cutting snowflakes). Open up the picture and glue it onto a second sheet.
- Draw your own game board
- Draw yourself with wings
- Draw your dream room
- Design a new license plate for a state you choose
- Invent a robot and draw it
- Draw a picture of the perfect garden for your house
- Combine a plant and an animal to create a new life form
- Create a comic strip and illustrate it