

CERAMICS CLASS EXPECTATIONS

1. HAVE FUN BUT....

Keep in mind that this class isn't playtime nor is it an easy "A". As a tradeoff for a relaxed atmosphere, abundance of work (social) time, and personal freedom, I expect full attention and respect during demonstrations, lectures and explanations. Let me show-off what I know and give me an opportunity to have the limelight and feel important. You may not deem what I say and do necessary, but I do, and since I'm the BOSS.....enough said.... To be successful this quarter- **pay attention, keep handouts, write down the few notes, do the written work and take the tests seriously!**

2. ARE YOU PREPARED?

Hopefully you are..... Do you have a pencil? paper? a BRAIN?..... If not, I can supply only two of those three items. Everything else necessary for you to be successful in class I can provide unless you want your own "stuff". Additional items you might want to consider having not necessarily supplied for yourself are; **lotion, ice cream bucket, old shirt/apron, towel, nail clipper, hair restraint, and kleenex.**

3. YOUR GRADE....

Refer to the syllabus/bulletin board for the class grading scale.

-**do the WRITTEN WORK!!!!** Choose not to do the work sheets or miscellaneous readings and the highest grade you can possibly earn is a B.

-**take notes, keep handouts!** On all tests and the final, you may use any notes or previously taken tests.

-**DO YOUR JOB!** My job is to **try** and teach you, of course emphasis is on the word **try**. Your job, although you don't get paid, is to be a student. When you think about it, it really isn't that hard, so.... earn easy points by simply doing your job, being on time, working hard, being respectful, cleaning up, and not eating in class. It's an easy way to earn 30% of your grade!

-**miss a test?** You have one week to make it up, absent on worksheet turn-in day? You have a one day grace period to receive full credit. Late work is 10% off one day late half credit thereafter up to one week.

-**don't worry about being creative, it will happen.** Don't give up or get discouraged, you just need to put in the extra effort and let me do my job to pry that creativity out of you. It will come (hopefully this trimester!)

4. TARDIES....

YIKES!!!-NO EXCUSE!!! Your daily grade could be impacted-see posted policy. **This is pet peeve #1!**

5. BAD STUFF.

- a. **Food/drink**-only water or candy bars bought/rewarded from me. Gum and small candies are ok if the wrappers are disposed of properly.
- b. **Sleeping**-kind of hard to create when you're in another time zone unless you're dreaming up ideas for class.
- c. **Cell phones**-call or text message your mother on your own time.
- d. **Cheating- WHAT?!!** In an art class? That should put you at the bottom of the food chain for sure!
- e. **Inappropriate projects and/or decorations**-Please.... no genitalia, exaggerated nudes, gang symbols, drug/alcohol/tobacco references, miscellaneous paraphernalia and ashtrays. Make something you would be proud to impress a date with, give to grandma or share with the principal.
- f. **SWEARING**-"!#@*" I did it again. So, bring your loose change to class if this is a problem for you.
- g. Leaving the class room-**DON'T!** I take it personally and feel that you do not like me. Please use a pass.
- h. **Lining up at the door**- See G above, do you really want to get out of class that bad? Maybe you should have dropped it then? Pet peeve #2!

6. COMMUNICATION....

- clay kid of the bi-week
- post good things you do (test scores) and try to display everyone's work in the showcase.
- personalized file folder to store your papers and notes, and a place to get graded work back from me.
- EXPECT a phone call home** if your grade is slipping or you just plain tick me off in class.
- my goal is to contact each one of your families at home at least once this quarter via phone, e-mail or postcard... For your sake I hope it is positive!

7. CLASS FUNCTION....

- Come into class, sit down in assigned seat, and **READ THE BOARD!**
- DO NOT** start working until I get through all of the items on the board, whether it is announcements, demos, or lectures. I **expect/demand** your full attention-or at least try to fake an interest in what I am doing. It is stuff that is relevant and what you need to know to be successful in this class!
- WORD** of the **DAY**-write it down! All words will be on your final!
- CLEAN-UP** only when prompted or I will give you something to do, and you won't like it!
- After cleaning up, go back to your seats for last minute announcements and a chance for extra-credit/review!
- WAIT** for the **BELL!** I hate lining up at the door. We are not cattle! **Remember this is pet peeve #2!**
- This quarter there will be.....**
 - weekly worksheets
 - frequent tests plus a final
 - periodic readings of interest with short comprehension questions
 - 3-4 small projects (pinch, coil, slab),
 - a final culminating project which highlights the skills and concepts you have learned.
 - exposure to the potter's wheel

8. CLASS ATMOSPHERE...

- DO NOT THROW CLAY!** Pet Peeve #3
- be respectful to others and most importantly **yourself!**
- use materials appropriately
- be responsible, there are a lot of dangerous tools, tempting situations and lots of freedom, **I trust you!**
Please don't break this trust!
- keep things clean, it is going to be dirty in here as it is, so please don't make it worse by being lazy.
- be creative, take chances, work hard, and use time efficiently. Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today, believe me time goes extremely fast and when the end is near you can't whip together clay projects very quickly and expect it to work like a drawing or painting.
- HAVE FUN!!!!!!!** This is the one class where there truly is not a definite right or wrong, **EXPRESS YOURSELF WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY!**

HAVE A GREAT TRIMESTER!!!!!!

MR. KOPP

P.S. Do Not Forget About the \$20 Product Fee!