

Homework Menu #6

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Directions: For For homework this month you will be working on and completing projects of your choice. Below is a list of projects that you may choose from. If you have an idea of your own which is not listed, check with Russ for permission to try it. As you complete each project you will have a chance to share it with your classmates. Some projects may take more time than others to finish. To keep track of the time you spend on your homework projects, you and your parents will complete a Homework Time Sheet that is to be turned in each Friday. When you finish one project, begin working on your next project as soon as you can. All projects will be due no later than the nearest Friday to the end of the month. At that time a new menu will be given out.



Focus of the Month: Art

Skills included: Reading comprehension, research, analysis, interpreting/infering, 2 and 3 dimensional artistic representation, descriptive and expository writing, oral presentation communication.

Project Menu:

- Use the Internet to go to the NGAKids Art Zone web site. It is at the following URL: <https://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/education/kids.html> . Click on any one of the pictures on the left side of the page and find out what it has to say. In each section there are activities that you can do. Choose one or more and complete the activities as suggested. Share what you've created with our class.
- Art is often done in a 3-D format so that the viewer can better experience what the artist is trying to express. Check out a book from the library about sculpture, or better yet visit some sculpture in our area (the Chimacum County Park, the County or City Library, the Oak Bay Animal Hospital, Pope Marine Park etc.). Next create a clay sculpture of your own. Give your sculpture a title that expresses your thoughts and feelings about your work of art. To make your own clay for your sculpture you can use the following recipe:

1 1/2 cups of flour

1 1/2 cups of salt

1 1/8 cup of water.



Mix flour and salt together in a large bowl. Slowly stir in the water until the mixture is the consistency of bread dough. This dough should be used immediately. Allow objects to dry for 48 hours before painting. To make colored dough just add tempera paints for colorant.

□ Many artists have become famous because they were able to touch peoples' lives through their work. Because of this many of them have had biographies written about their lives. Go to the library and check out some books about famous artists (note: the children's section would have the most appropriate books for this assignment). Choose an artist and create a biographical poster about them. Include information about their life and about their art. Bonus idea: draw a portrait of them to include as a part of your poster.



□ Architecture is a form of art. It is the purposeful way a building is structured so that it is both useful and appealing. As a student at Swan School you already know a lot about what makes a school building both useful and nice to be in. Create a plan for a new school that you think would improve the building that we are now using. Be sure to include any landscaping features you think are important. Bonus idea: make a 3-D model of your new school plan.

□ There are many different styles of art. Categories of art styles include: realism, impressionism, pointillism, expressionism, cubism, surrealism, minimalism, etc. Research some of these art styles either at the library or by using the Internet. Choose one of them that interests you and create your own work of art in that style. Make a poster on which you point out which elements of your own work place it in the art category you chose. Bonus idea: include a copy that you make of a famous piece of art that is a good example of the category of art you are focussing on.

□ Other: _____

Expectations: It is expected that chosen projects will be finished completely, neatly, and in a timely manner. It is also expected that students will gain a depth of understanding about their project's topic upon completion. Further, while students are encouraged to work on one project at a time, it is entirely possible for students to complete any number of projects in the timeframe given. Students should also remember to keep homework interesting by challenging themselves to learn as much as possible and to do the best work they can.



Important: These projects will likely require mutual involvement of students and their parents. They also cannot be completed in one short evening prior to the due date. Each student will have to use their time wisely, doing a little bit at a time until a project is complete. Use the Project Planning Form to help you successfully complete your project on time.