Summer Art Homework Assignment (MANDATORY)
Sixth Grade (Going into 7th Grade)

Art Students will be required to turn all of the summer homework assignments listed below.

**DUE DATE FOR SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS**: First week of classes.

**GRADING POLICY**: There will be a minimum of 40 total grades for the five summer assignments (eight for each Master Study).

Each assignment will be graded on the following criteria:
- **Master Study**: 40 total grades (8 for each study): Effort, Technique, Composition, Color/Contrast, Value, Proportion, Presentation, Overall

**INSTRUCTIONS**

A. **Master Study #1** (Ginevra de Benci by Leonardo Da Vinci)
   One of the best ways to improve drawing and painting skills is to copy the work of a master artist such as Leonardo Da Vinci. Master studies help students understand basic art concepts as color usage, value, intensity, and proportion.

B. **Master Study #2** (The Little Flower Girl by Charles Sprague Pearce)

C. **Master Study #3** (Vanitas Still Life by Pieter Claesz)

D. **Master Study #4** (Self-Portrait by Rembrandt)

E. **Master Study #5** (Still Life with Roses and Cherries by Robert Spear Dunning)
   - The MINIMUM size of these assignments are 11” x 17” (or two sketchbook pages side-by-side). Anything smaller than the required size will NOT be accepted.
   - Materials needed: Pencil. This assignment may also be done in Pen, Oil Pastel, or Acrylic.
   - NO SMUDGING. Learn to shade with your pencil
   - The background must be completed. Do NOT leave the background blank!
   - Special attention needs to be given to LIGHT AND DARK values.
   - YOU MUST DO THE ENTIRE IMAGE. DO NOT CROP OR ZOOM IN TO DO ONLY FACES.

F. **Reference Photos (NOT Required, but highly suggested. Store photos online (i.e. Google Photos, etc.)**
   - These are reference photographs to be used for your assignments next school year
   - Photos may be taken with a cellphone or by digital camera.
   - These should be ORIGINAL photos taken by you.
     - Candid photos (Not posed. These should be pictures of people who aren't aware of being photographed).
     - Portrait Photos (These can be posed. Try to avoid the cheesy Facebook type of pictures).
     - Landscapes (Neighborhoods, Parks, Beaches)
     - Plants and Flowers (Be sure to take close up shots)
     - Interiors (Rooms inside the house)
     - Still Life objects (Set up different objects and photograph. Suggested subjects: Shoes, Kitchen Objects, Toys, Glass Objects, Metal Objects).
Master Studies for Sixth Graders (going to 7th Grade)

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Master Study #2  (The Little Flower Girl by Charles Sprague Pearce)
Master Study #3
(Vanitas Still Life by Pieter Claesz)
Master Study #4 (Self-Portrait by Rembrandt)
Good Technique. Good Use Of Light and Dark. No Smudging. Includes Background.

Drawing is too sketchy and incomplete. Not enough time spent on assignment.

No effort put into the assignment. Did not pay attention to reference photo.

Drawing is too light.

Drawing is too smudgy.
Differences between a good composition and a bad composition in a photograph

Bad Composition (Subject is too far away. Too many distractions around the subject.)

Good Composition (Subject is up close and fills the frame in a much more engaging composition).

Where to keep your photos:
These are reference photos that will be used throughout the year. It is very highly suggested that you store your photos ONLINE. This can be done FREE of charge. Once you have these accounts established, you can access your work from ANY computer, smartphone, or tablet with internet access.

Photo websites
Google Photos: photos.google.com
Flickr: flickr.com
Photobucket: photobucket.com

Cloud Services (can also be used to store other school projects online).
Dropbox: dropbox.com
Box: box.com
Google Drive: drive.google.com

Physical Storage (Not recommended. These are easily lost)
Flash Drive
Blank CDs
**P H O T O G R A P H Y  E X A M P L E S**

- **Candid Photos**
  Photograph people doing things

- **Still Life**
  Be sure to use interesting objects!

- **Landscapes**
  Take pictures of outdoor scenes.

- **Portraits**
  These should have a natural look. Try natural outdoor as well as indoor lighting.

- **Flowers and Plant Life**

- **Interiors**
  Take pictures of rooms and furniture.