Ceramics 1 Course Description

Ceramics 1 is a half-year, half-credit that is for students who are interested in working with clay to create works of art. It is structured so that a variety of age levels, interest levels, and prior experiences with art can be accommodated. The willingness to explore and experiment as well as working during class is needed in order to be fully successful in this course.

Ceramics 1 students are introduced to all forms of handbuilding techniques including pinch, coil, and slab. All projects are created to help students further explore different techniques and processes that involve problem solving and multi-course application of thinking. Students are consistently reflecting on their work as well as their improvement throughout the semester through journal writing as well as self-assessed critiques. Classroom critiques are a way for all students to participate and use their knowledge of correct vocabulary and terms to articulate their point of view.

Clay and materials are not to be taken out of the classroom at any time, so it is important that students utilize their time in class to complete their work. I understand that all students in this class are at different places artistically, but you are expected to consistently hand in quality work on time and push yourself to become better.