

Welcome to Adaptive Arts

Welcome to an unusual class in an unusual year! We will learn together. Don't worry if you don't know how to draw—that is the goal of the class. Don't worry that you'll be bored if you are already pretty good at drawing—you will get even better with practice.

First Steps (How to Help Your Child with Classwork)

Before we jump into our beginning activities, there are some things that need to be explained so this year will go smoothly.



1. You will have different assignments each week. We will work on these together in class.
2. We will be working in Microsoft Teams. If you run into problems, please tell me immediately so we can get the problem fixed.
3. You will need your student number and password. They are important.
4. Be sure to check your school email every day. You never know what information will be sent to you.
5. Complete your daily attendance report at the beginning of class when we are online.
6. Peer Mentors are good helpers and Role Models in the class and were specially chosen to work with Adaptive Arts students. You will make some good friends in this class!
7. Class discussions and meetings are in Teams. You can also get one-on-one help from me in Teams during my "office hours." Attending a live session in Teams is like being at school—appropriate behavior, language, and dress code are required.
8. Your school computer has a camera. You will use the camera to take photos of your artwork which you will upload. (You can also use your phone, but you'll have to upload it to your laptop to email it to yourself.) When taking photos of your drawings, make sure your work fills the screen of your camera. This will make it large enough for me to grade. If your drawing is too small in the photo, I will have you take it over and resend it. NOTE: Even if your drawing is four inches high, it must fill the screen for your photo. Therefore, do yourself a favor and don't do tiny drawings. In the classroom setting, mentors and aides will help with photographing the artwork.
9. You are required to have a few supplies for this class—unlined paper, pencils, erasers, and a sharpener. Let me know if you have trouble finding the supplies (or need more than a week or two to shop for them.)
10. You do not need to know how to draw to pass this class. You do need to be willing to try new things. You will learn how to draw—and then you will learn to draw even better. If you're already good at drawing, you'll learn techniques that help you expand your skill base.
11. You're required to have fun in this class. Me, too.