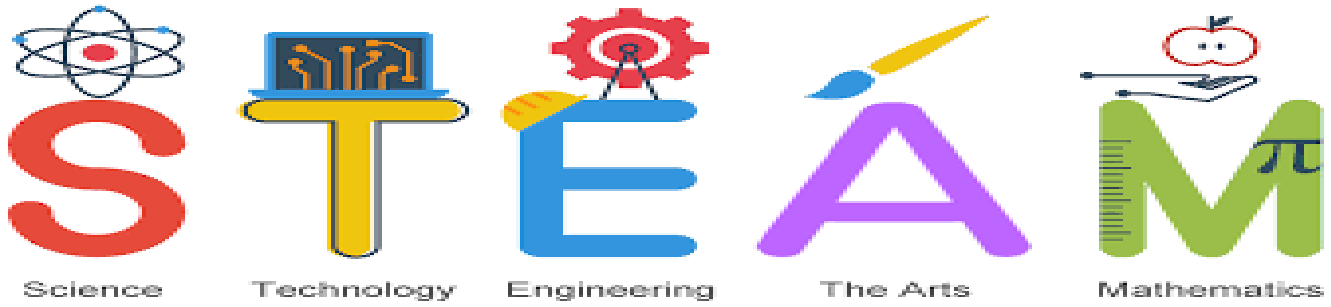
**STEAM 2024-25**

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**Course Description**

Welcome to my 7/8th Grade STEAM class! This elective course will be split into three parts. The first trimester of this class will focus on studying History through the lens of art. Students will analyze and discuss a variety of paintings and photographs from American and world history as well as create a number of their own pieces. In addition to expanding their knowledge of history, students will be able to practice creativity using a wide range of drawing and painting techniques. The second trimester will be devoted to construction projects. During this trimester, students will work together to complete a variety of simple building projects. During the third trimester, we will continue our study of art by examining a variety of more contemporary pieces as well as cartoons. Students will have plenty of opportunities to create their own work during this final trimester as well. I look forward to a fun and productive year!

**Weekly Schedule (First trimester only. Schedule for trimester 2 and 3 TBD)**

Monday and Tuesday will be devoted to studying and analyzing a variety of paintings and photographs from American History. Students will work in groups to determine themes and meanings behind each piece of artwork. Students will spend Wednesday and Thursday creating their own art pieces that incorporate similar themes as the paintings they viewed earlier in the week. Friday will usually involve a quiz and a simple art project as well as an opportunity to finish paintings from earlier in the week.

## Grading

There are three categories of grades. Quizzes, projects, and assignments. Quizzes are weighed at 40%. Projects and assignments are each weighed at 30%. Quizzes will be taken on Friday. Projects and assignments must be finished by the end of class on Friday in order to receive full credit. I will post rubrics and instructions for assignments on google classroom. Partial credit will be given for late work within the two-day district policy time frame. Work missing after the Monday following the due date will receive a 0%.

## Aeries

All official grading is in Aeries. Ignore any grading in Google Classroom. Contact the Principal's Secretary for a password if you have not already done so. Grades will be updated every two weeks. If you have a question about a grade, please contact me at **mmansueto@jsdtracy.com**.

## Google Classroom

Google classroom will not be used for grading. Aeries is the only place where a student's grade is official. I will use google classroom to post assignments, instructions, rubrics and announcements.