6th Grade Media Arts

Washington Middle School

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**Introduction and Course Description:**

6th Grade Media Arts is a class that explores film making, story telling, acting and the skills involved in producing short films. Students are introduced to the vocabulary of film as they go through the process of creating short original films of various genres. Key aspects include: plotting, script, storyboarding, camera work (shots, angles) and editing (visual effects, sound effects, transitions, title, etc.)

**Required Materials:**

* Notebook. Students will need a standard notebook for daily activities.
* Pencil with eraser.
* A GOOD ATTITUDE! This is the most important requirement to be successful in Exploratory Music.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

* Students will learn the basic elements of storytelling
* Students will learn how to make a storyboard
* Students will learn about different genres of films
* Students will develop editing skills
* Students will learn basic acting skills
* Examine many different aspects of the field of movie making, including production and career aspects.

**Grading:**

Grades will be based on Daily Points, Performance Exams, Journal Entries, Assigned Work and Group/Individual Projects. The standard grading scale of A (90% ), B (80%-89%), C (70%-79%), D (60%-69%), and F (59% -) will be used.

* Each student can earn up to **5 participation points** per day based on the following:
* Attendance (tardy or absence)
* On-task and prepared
* Participating in class assignments/discussion/team participation
* Behavior and attitude
* Being engaged in work during class time

ALSO:

* Weekly projects are worth between 30-60 points depending on the project.
* Each student can earn up to 5 points per daily journal entry and 3 points per jam session entry in the journal.

**Extra Credit:**

The opportunity for extra credit may be offered at the discretion of the teacher. Activities might include attendance at performances, compare/contrast two short films, watching films and evaluating different aspects, etc. All extra credit must be approved by the teacher prior to students attending and submitting assignment.

**Absences:**

Absences and tardies will be dealt with according to school policies. If you are absent, it is **your responsibility** to check on topics covered, announcements made, and assignments given while you were absent.

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