

AP Summer Assignments

Mrs. Grimes

Welcome to AP Studio Art. There are several things you can do this summer to prepare yourself for this rigorous course. The Three summer assignments are due on the first day of class, August 19, 2008. The AP portfolio requires a minimum of 24 pieces of art; you need to complete some before the school year.

TO DO:

Research and know the work of an artist that you admire or feel a connection to: this artist can help you problem solve. You may get ideas for backgrounds or make color choices or brush work in a similar way to this artist.

Visit galleries and museums.

Keep a sketchbook; draw every day. Drawing is all about practice.

Use a camera; take some digital pics of things you are interested in; visit parks, fairs, carnivals, downtown Kirkwood, the zoo, etc.

REsearch the AP Studio art web site at www.collegeboard.com/apstudents. On this site you can read about the specifications for your portfolio and see examples of student art work.

Assignments:

1. A drawing that includes your reflection. It could be you looking into a metal pan or car fender. This is difficult because of the distortion, but impresses the college board for this same reason. Medium of your choice.
2. Full figure portrait of family member or friend. Pose them in a situation that is interesting and includes background. Medium of choice.
3. Show architectural space. Lots of detail. Looking down a hallway or inside a closet or drawer. Show space that is close range to distant and everything in between. Black fine point marker.

Examples of these projects will be shown at the AP meeting on May 23rd.

Any questions? Need some help over the summer? You may contact me anytime at NLGrimes@aol.com or grimesn@gw.kirkwood.k12.mo.us

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOUR ART! MRS. GRIMES