

Ceramics

Course Description

Ceramics is a year long course in which students will explore a broad range of techniques and approaches to art through hand built and wheel thrown clay. Students will learn to approach ceramic artwork as both functional and decorative sculptural objects. Development of technical skills and artistic vocabulary will include scoring, slipping, hand building (slab, coil, and pinch techniques), wheel throwing, bisque firing, painting, and glazing, plus the endless alternative possibilities involved with clay.

- Introduction to Ceramics
 - Ceramics Basics-Vocabulary, tools, techniques
 - History of Ceramics

- What do I want my students to master:
 - Hand Building Basics
 - 1. Slip/Score
 - 2. Drying time
 - 3. Wedging
 - 4. Glazing
 - 5. Firing

- Lessons/activities
 - 1. Pinch Pots (emphasis on texture/ surface decoration)
 - 2. Coil Pot-Vessel (emphasis on the score/slip method)
 - 3. Slab Building-Mug with creative handle
 - 4. Slab Building-Dream Box
 - 5. Multicultural Study-Global Awareness
 - 6. Wheel-available to those students interested (later in the year)