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NMH SUMMER SESSION

2010
Middle School Program
DRAWING AND PAINTING MINOR COURSE

This course covered the fundamentals of drawing and painting, while promoting creativity and the use of different artistic mediums.

During the first week, the students learned the basics of drawing through many hands-on exercises, mostly through the use of still-life assignments. They completed a color wheel and were introduced to the concepts of primary and secondary colors. In the second week, they created advertisements in order to work on clarity, composition, and color. A “graffiti workshop” introduced artistic script and self-expression. During the third week, the class created contour line self-portraits from head-shots, which they then made larger using a grid method and finished in pen and their medium of choice. Throughout these three weeks, all the students used pencil, colored pencil, watercolor or acrylic paint, black ink, and pastel.

In the final two weeks, the students worked collaboratively to create a class project. The assignment was an NMH Summer Session mural, in which they were free to explore their own artistic tastes while keeping in mind the themes of community and diversity. The course concluded with informal critiques of each other’s work and growth over the course of the session. All pieces were finished, and the portraits and murals were displayed for the entire community.

The course met for 1.5 hours, four afternoons a week, for the five-week session.

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