Berrien Springs Partnership Syllabus and Instructor Qualifications

**CLASS TITLE:** Wheel Fun Pottery  **Maximum Students: 8**  
**GRADE OR AGE LEVELS:**   All  
**START DATE:  See attached schedule            END DATE:  See attached schedule**

**# WEEKS TOTAL:    10        WEEKS OFF: 0**

# **HOURS (REQUIRED):**      80%   = 8 classes                             # **HOURS (POSSIBLE):   
TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS POSSIBLE: 17.5=10 Classes**  
**LOCATION/ADDRESS: DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION (if needed): 3579 E. Snow Rd., Berrien Springs, MI 49103.** Park at an angle on the right side of the driveway walk toward the garage then follow the signs down the outside stairs to the classroom.  
  **MAIN INSTRUCTOR:** Jill Dodge

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Phone: (269) 845-0279      Email:    jdodge@shamrocks.us**

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION AT SITE REQUIRED?       NO   
MAIN INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS:

BS Elementary Education

COURSE DESCRIPTION (complete overview shown on website):

Description: Welcome beginner and experienced artists!  Mrs. Dodge will guide you in learning the exciting and creative art of throwing pottery, hand building and painting!  New or experienced potters are welcome.  Projects will be experience and age appropriate.  Returning students will gain new skills through projects according to individual skill level.

Wheel Fun Pottery

Course Outline

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| Week  1 | Proper use and care pottery wheel and tools. Clay preparation, centering of clay on the wheel and how to make slabs. | Projects – Wind chimes and Simple game  Design and construct clay slabs creating unique wind chimes and game board. |
| Week  2 | Opening and pulling up walls, make at least one item with 2 inch high walls. Intro to hand building skills. | Project – Animal  Create an animal pencil holder |
| Week  3 | Pulling up walls, making at least one item with 3 inch high walls. Hand built project of choice. | Project – Desk organizer  Create a clay slab, extruded shapes, and the scratch and attach method. |
| Week  4 | Continue walls to get a cup and/or bowl and hand built project of choice. | Project – Footprint Decor  Create unique décor using student’s footprint in clay. |
| Week  5 | Continue making cup and/or bowl, hand built project of choice. | Project – Kitchen Item  Each student will make a kitchen item and use dry pasta to create individual designs. |
| Week  6 | How to trim clay items and hand built project of choice. | Project – A Cup or Vase |
| Week  7 | Last day to make clay projects | Project – Bird House  Design and construct from clay slabs individual bird house. |
| Week  8 | Painting with glaze (wear clothes that can be stained as accidents do happen) | Painting |
| Week  9 | Painting with underglaze | Painting |
| Week 10 | Painting with acrylics. Packing projects to take home! | Finish painting projects.  Bring a box and packing material to take home projects! |

Projects above are a guideline; student driven projects can be arranged according to individual creativity and skill level.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT - what will be used to evaluate student progress and/or end of semester pass/fail status?  
All classes abide by the following:

1. Student agrees to attend at least 80% of class sessions/lessons offered.  Attendance is kept online and tracked by Partnership staff. Failure to meet 80% or be on track to meet 80% may result in program discontinuation.
2. The Partnership Student Assessment or Performance Form is filled out by the teacher and turned in to Partnership staff.  The link to this form is found on the web page for this class. Failing marks for lack of participation, behavior issues, practice time, etc. may result in program discontinuation.

**Class-specific assessment:** discuss and include the form or a link to the form that you use.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: (online, books, video, etc.):

Pinterest Search: Handmade Ceramics, Ceramic Slab cup, vase…,

YouTube Search:

Beginning Pottery, How to center on a pottery wheel, How to open a pot, How to form pottery walls, How to trim a pot…

See what your local library has for ceramics/pottery books.

CLASS POLICIES: ATTENDANCE, BEHAVIOR, WEATHER, ETC.

**Attendance:**Make arrangements ahead of time if possible. If not, please text before class starts. Student must attend 80% of this class to remain in good standing with the BSPP.

**Behavior:**  Student must be on task during class, and able to follow directions.

**Weather:** If canceling an email and/or a text message will be sent no later than two hours before a class is scheduled to meet.

**Other:  -** Because of social distancing, the parents waiting area will not be available. Please plan to bring your child 5 minutes before class starts and pick up your child promptly at class end time.

- Park at an angle on the right side of the driveway, this allows everyone to come and go as needed.

- Shoes are removed upon arrival in the classroom. Please plan to bring a pair of shoes for classroom use, they do not have to be new, but do need to have clean soles and be dedicated for classroom use.