Berrien Springs Partnership Syllabus and Instructor Qualifications

**CLASS TITLE:** Ceramics 1 **Maximum Students: 15**  
**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                               
**LOCATION/ADDRESS: DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION:  E. Snow Rd., Berrien Springs, MI 49103.** Park at an angle on the right side of the driveway, proceed past the right side of the garage to the pole barn. The classroom door is on the left. Full address will be sent to parents by email a week before class starts.  
  **MAIN INSTRUCTOR:** Jill

**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!  Over the course of the semester Mrs. Dodge will help you create exciting ceramic projects and paint with glaze, underglaze, and acrylic.

Ceramics 1

Course Outline

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| Week  1 | Learn:   * Proper care and handling of ceramic molds and greenware. * How to press objects into clay to make a design   Do:   * Pouring Ceramic Molds (Christmas Ornaments) * Pasta Print Tiles |
| Week  2 | Learn:   * Greenware Preparation Steps and proper handling of tools * Scratch and Attach Method   Do:   * Clean Tiles and Christmas Ornaments Projects * Create Pinch Pot Animal |
| Week  3 | Learn:   * Scratch and Attach Method * Greenware Preparation Steps   Do:   * Clean Pinch Pot Animal Project * Original Clay Creation Time (Students creates their own clay item) |
| Week  4 | Learn:   * Difference between greenware and bisque * Proper use of underglaze and care of paint brushes   Do:   * Cleaning Pinch Pot Animal and Original Clay Creation * Underglaze Tile |
| Week  5 | Learn:   * Review Greenware Preparation Steps and proper handling of tools * Teacher Demonstration - How to load a kiln   Do:   * Clear Glaze Tile * Choose and Clean small and medium mold projects |
| Week  6 | Learn:   * How to load a kiln and Greenware prep   Do:   * Paint small mold project |
| Week  7 | Review:   * Use of acrylic paint on ceramic bisque.   Do:   * Paint medium mold project |
| Week  8 | Do:   * Paint Original Clay Creation Project |
| Week  9 | Learn:   * Proper use of acrylic paint * Proper care and use of paint brushes   Do:   * Finish painting glaze projects.   All glaze painting will be finished so as to have time for firing in the kiln.   * Paint Ornaments acrylic Painting Method |
| Week 10 | * Finish painting stain projects ornaments and pinch pot animals * Bring a box and packing material to take home projects! * Children paint at different rates. Some students may be done painting all their projects and only need to stay long enough to pack their projects. |

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.

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

See what your local library has for ceramics books.

You Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tt9zRWcuqsw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDMs5Pqq3rE>

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 the teacher is canceling class an email and/or a text message will be sent no later than two hours before a class is scheduled to meet. This message will go to the email and phone number on file with the BSPP. This information will be sent with the BSPP mass email and text software, therefore you will not reach anyone by calling or texting that number. You must use Mrs. Dodge’s information listed above to contact her.

**Other:**

* Please plan to bring your child 5 minutes before class starts and pick up your child promptly at the end of class.
* Parents are welcome at drop off and pick up times. Special arrangements must be made to stay during class time.
* Park at an angle on the right side of the driveway. This allows everyone to come and go as needed.
* A class fee is charged if class is dropped before count day.