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                               
**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 to the left of the 12 foot pole barn door. 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!  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 | Wheel   * Proper use of pottery wheel/tools. * Clay preparation * Centering of clay on the wheel | Table   * How to make clay slabs * Design Wind Chimes |
| Week  2 | * Opening and pulling up walls * Make item with 2 inch high walls | * Scratch and attach method * Create Animal Whistle |
| Week  3 | * Pulling up walls * Making item with 3 inch high walls Hand built project of choice. | * How to extrude shapes * Design Coil Pots |
| Week  4 | * Cups / Bowls | * How to press patterns * Create Poof Plate |
| Week  5 | * Cups / Bowls | * Pasta Print Tile * Each student creates a tile and uses dry pasta to create individual designs. |
| Week  6 | * Spoon Rest | * Cup |
| Week  7 | * Continue practicing skills**. (This is the last day to make clay items.** They need time to dry and be fired in the kiln.) | * Creative Design * Each student will design and build a project of their own creation. **. (This is the last day to make clay items.** They need time to dry and be fired in the kiln.) |
| Week  8 | * Glaze painting (wear clothes that can be stained as accidents do happen) | * Glaze painting (wear clothes that can be stained as accidents do happen) |
| Week  9 | * Painting (wear clothes that can be stained as accidents do happen) | * Glaze painting (wear clothes that can be stained as accidents do happen) |
| Week 10 | * Painting with acrylics. * Packing projects to take home! * Bring a box and packing material to take home projects! | * Painting with acrylics. * Packing projects to take home! * Bring a box and packing material to take home projects! |

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

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 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.
* Park at an angle on the right side of the driveway, this allows everyone to come and go as needed.
* Materials fee is charged if class is dropped before count day.