**WELCOME to VISUAL ART**

**AboutMe: Welcome to the art classroom! Hello, my name is Mrs. Cira, and I will be your student’s teacher this year for Visual Art at Harding University High School. I have lived in this beautiful area of Charlotte for almost two years. I made my journey south from snowy and cloudy Fulton, New York, with my husband, one dog and two cats. We have five children, ages 27-21, who live in North Carolina, South Carolina, New York and Germany! I studied the fine arts at SUNY Oswego, where I received a BFA and Master’s degree in Art Education. My training has covered drawing, painting, illustration, design, graphics, ceramics, photography and printmaking.**

**ArtEducation: A passion for art has led me to teaching, where I’m able to introduce, develop, and encourage your student’s knowledge of art and their artistic capabilities. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to share the arts with your student, and open up new doors of creativity for them! They be learning about Art History, many new skills and techniques, current artists, and how art can serve as activism; a tool for change in a diverse and ever-changing world……we have a busy year ahead of us!**

**Teaching your child every day is a privilege and responsibility I do not take lightly. I will do my best to ensure that each student has a motivating and safe learning experience in the classroom. However, you play a vital role in their success. Your encouragement towards completing their assignments will ensure their progress in this creative learning process.**

**WeeblySite: My Weebly site will be a resource available to you and your student to have access to syllabus, class news, procedures, materials, important dates, and student work. There will also be links to informative and instructional websites to increase their learning.**

**Contact Info: Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have, either by email or phone. I know with your support, your students are going to have a great year!**

**Sincerely,**

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