

2023-2024

## William Land Afterschool Enrichment Programs

Kids' Pottery: Handbuilding (3rd-6th grades)

Fridays 3:15-4:15pm

**Instructor:** Katie Schiller-Tang at Jade Ceramics

**Contact:** [katie-schiller-tang@scusd.edu](mailto:katie-schiller-tang@scusd.edu)

**Class Description:**

Students will explore making functional and decorative ceramics using coil, pinch, and slab handbuilding methods. Playing with clay is a multi-sensory experience, known to have therapeutic effects such as building motor skills and coordination, and expanding children's creativity and imagination.

Handbuilding pottery is generally a two-step process. Students will build with clay. The pieces then undergo a *bisque* fire. The following week, students will glaze (paint) and decorate the pieces, followed by a *glaze* fire to produce the final creation. Students will become familiar with the process and learn different techniques through a variety of projects.

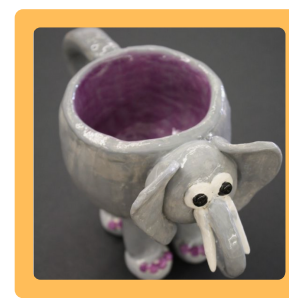
The firing is done remotely at a kiln located at Jade Ceramics Studio. The glazes we used are lead free and the final creations are food safe.

**Enrollment:**

There are 15 spots for this year's pottery class. If I receive more applications than allocated spots, enrollment will be on a lottery basis per grade level (3rd-6th).

**Materials and Fees:**

The fee for enrollment is \$200 dollars per student. It will cover clay, glaze, pottery tools, and the off-site firings for the entire academic year. Payments can be made via check, Venmo, or Zelle. If a student is very interested in the course but has financial concerns, please reach out for alternative arrangements.



## Schedule and Activity Outline:

The course will start in late October and end in April. There is no class in January. Please note: the schedule is fluid and will remain adaptive based on students' progress.

| Session               | Date  | Activity                                |
|-----------------------|-------|---|
| 1                     | 10/20 | Introduction. Halloween Bowl Project    |
| 2                     | 10/27 | Fall leaves project                     |
| 3                     | 11/3  | Glaze and decoration                    |
| 4                     | 11/10 | *Holiday*                               |
| 5                     | 11/17 | Introduction to pinched techniques      |
| 6                     | 11/24 | *Holiday*                               |
| 7                     | 12/1  | Introduction to coiled techniques       |
| 8                     | 12/8  | Glaze and decoration                    |
| 9                     | 12/15 | Christmas Tree Project (Family welcome) |
| 10                    | 12/22 | *No class* Pick up projects             |
| *No class in January* |       |   |
| 11                    | 2/9   | Coiled pots: Valentine's day project    |
| 12                    | 2/16  | Glaze and decoration                    |
| 13                    | 2/23  | Pinched techniques: bowls               |
| 14                    | 3/1   | Pinched techniques: mugs                |
| 15                    | 3/8   | Glaze and decoration                    |
| 16                    | 3/15  | Easter egg project                      |
| 17                    | 3/22  | Easter egg project                      |
| 18                    | 3/29  | *Holiday*                               |
| 19                    | 4/5   | Nature project                          |
| 20                    | 4/12  | Mother's Day project                    |
| 21                    | 4/19  | Teacher appreciation project            |
| 22                    | 4/26  | Last class: glaze and decoration        |



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Application

Please send completed application to [katie-schiller-tang@scusd.edu](mailto:katie-schiller-tang@scusd.edu)

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade and teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian name #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian name #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and email: \_\_\_\_\_

Any prior experience with pottery/ceramics? Y/N

Is the student in afterschool Lion's Den? Y/N

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_