Compass Homeschool Enrichment LLC

Multimedia: Digital Art with Photoshop

Dates: September 11- October 23, 2013 (7 weeks)

Instructor: Digital Kidz

Objective: Students will learn to digitally manipulate photos and create special effects in Adobe Photoshop. Students will learn to manipulate lighting, exposure, filters, and shading with the click of a mouse. They will re-size, crop, mask, blur and use various filters to create compelling artwork and graphics. Students will experiment with brushes, tools, the drawing tablet, and custom colors to create all new images. Turn a photograph into a charcoal drawing! Interchange subjects and their backgrounds! Ever wanted to turn your friends into zombies or place them on the moon? With Photoshop anything is possible!

Skills Learned

- Cropping techniques and how to choose the focus of the image.
- Use of drawing tablet to create professional
- Import images into Photoshop projects.
- Tools and brushes.
- Choose colors and change the look of images.
- Photo manipulation.
- Work with visual effects: manipulation of light in the image.
- Learn brush techniques and their uses.
- Experiment with shading.
- Apply filters and special effects.
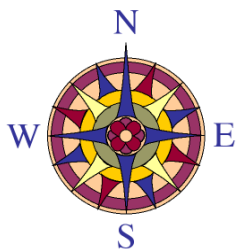
Preliminary Course Outline

Week   Theme/Topic

1.   Introduction
   - Overview of Adobe Photoshop.
   - Tour the Drawing Tablet and its uses.
   - Use tools and brushes to enhance images.

2.   The Charcoal Effect
- Import images into Photoshop.
- Choose the focus of the image, crop and edit.
- Using a filter, transform the image into a "charcoal drawing."

3.   Manipulate an image.
- Work with layers, photo manipulation.
- Take a landscape photo of summer and make it look like a winter scene.

4.   Screen Savers
- Choose and edit an image.
- Learn how to save it as a background for a computer.

5.   Energy Ball
- Take a photo of students holding the amethyst ball.
- Control the light on the image to create effects.
- Use visual effects: shadows, glows, borders.

6.   The Avatar Project
- Using special effects and tools, students transform themselves into avatar characters.

7.   Graphic Design
- Design an image using the techniques learned during the session.
- Print it onto a t-shirt.