

## Mr. Lynch's Drawing and Painting Students

Let's try to make the best of these strange times by making some interesting art.

In case we need to be in contact about class projects here's a link to join our Drawing and Painting class on the Remind app:

<https://www.remind.com/join/bk4g83e>

### **Altered Book Project – For the next THREE WEEKS or longer TBD!**

If you have a book of any kind that is no longer wanted, you can turn it into an Altered Book. Be sure to get permission first to be sure the book isn't wanted. Don't have a book to use? Create your own book out of any kind of paper, old envelopes, old magazines, cardboard from packages, paper towels, tin foil...get creative!

An Altered Book is an open-ended project that can make use of any materials you have at home. The entire book should be transformed into your work of art. The covers, spine, and all the pages should be dealt with artistically. If that's overwhelming, of course, some pages can be removed or joined together in any number of ways.

Work in layers. For example, old house paint or spray paint can be used to cover the contents of the original page. You can then layer on top of that with more paint, pen, sharpie, collage or any available materials. You can playfully work on top of any text or images already on the page, or cover it up and you'll have a blank slate.

When complete, this will look like a make shift sketchbook/scrapbook. Pages can drawn and painted on, but can also be cut, folded, collaged, torn, sanded, sewed, woven...anything you can imagine. The book should be filled with artistic experiments and surprises, along with your thoughts, drawings, poems, doodles, song lyrics...you get the idea. Look for techniques online if possible. Work in a style that makes you happy, but don't forget everything we have covered this year...cross hatching, value relationships, line weight, pattern, gradients, glazes, scumbling, shading, all of our mixed media techniques...etc.

**Materials:** Scavenge your surroundings for anything you can use! Melt wax from old candles (with supervision of course!), use q tips for brushes, use natural materials from the yard, paint with nail polish, paint with coffee or tea, use a thread and needle to sew through pages, use cut pieces of aluminum foil and glue to create designs and tin foil drawings, add old envelopes and junk mail as pages that you can draw on...now is the time to turn lemons into lemonade! Anything can become an art material.

**Examples:** Search for #alteredbooks, #artistbooks. Look up Altered Books on Youtube, look up Mixed Media Techniques on Youtube.

**Work on a page or more everyday if you can, working in a style that makes you happy. I look forward to seeing you and your projects as soon as possible!**