

FUN

WORK OR PLAY?

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When most people hear the word academics, they automatically think of work, work, and more work. With the art and PE programs here at Ashley that's not the case. "I like playing basketball because it's fun and stress-relieving," said Thomas Papczak. These academic classes are fun, apparently, as well as a grade on report cards.

One thing students are required to have in any of these classes is a good attitude. Students who aren't willing to try and participate in these classes won't succeed. "Leave the 'I can't' attitude at the door," as Mrs. Marilyn Gearhart said.

For Ms. Michelle Moore, the best

qualities a student in her PE class could have are an easy-going attitude and the ability to adapt easily. It follows, then, that students who sit out and do nothing are one of her biggest problems.

"You don't have to agree with everything we do, just participate," said Ms. Moore.

"I like playing volleyball because it's my favorite sport but hate running a lot. It's boring," said Amanda Barror. She doesn't agree with everything but still participates on a regular basis so she can take part in the fun activities.

What most students don't realize is that it's fun for the teachers, too. If you have ever gone into the gym while one of Ms. Moore's classes is

there, you have probably seen her playing right alongside the students, no matter what game they are playing. Mrs. Gearhart said this, "I really like all of my classes but I think that watching the drawing students gain skills is the most exciting."

The art and PE classes aren't lecture-assignment classes, they're hands-on classes that give students a chance to have fun.

Both the art and PE programs are great, not because they're necessarily extensive, but because they have teachers who really enjoy teaching and who make the classes fun for the students.

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JUST A DAB MORE Cassie Worden works on her painting. She received an award for her work in Handicrafts and Painting. "She does excellent work. She's very detail oriented," said Mrs. Gearhart.

I GOT IT Jimmy Halsey plays volleyball while Devon Wise, Wayne McElhaney, and Austin Hull look on. "I really like gym, but I'd rather play softball than volleyball. I like it best," said Jimmy.



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