

Visual Arts

October Newsletter

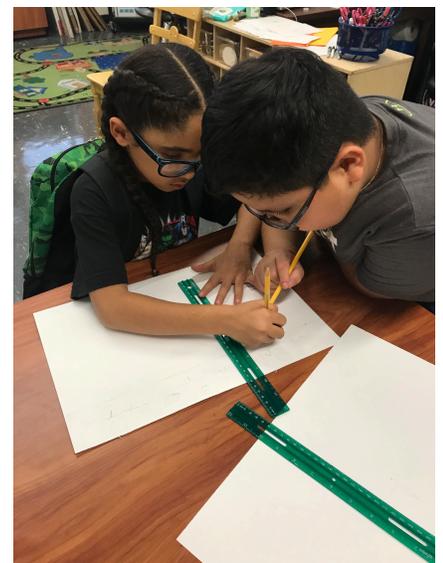
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to our October Newsletter! It has been a productive and fun-filled month in our Pre-K and Kindergarten Art classes. We have been exploring various line styles and practicing our drawing skills using crayons and oil pastels. We have also been looking at the classic book *Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson to think about the many ways a line could be used to bring an image to life. We have had so much fun bringing movement into our lessons by drawing lines in the air with our fingers. We also had a fun activity where we acted like we were a straight line, zigzag line, wavy line or curved line by moving about in our classroom! If you could turn into a line for a day, which style would you be?

As we begin our first full month of school, we will build upon these foundational drawing skills by using lines to draw shapes. Then we will use scissors to cut along the edges of shapes we've drawn, and ultimately we will use our shapes to create collages of familiar and imagined scenes. We will have the opportunity to apply glue using paintbrushes so that we can hone fine motor skills and think about how much or how little glue to use at a time. In class we will also look at *The Straight Line Wonder* by Mom Fox, *Scraps* by Lois Ehlert and more.

Please take a look at some photos from our Art classes, and also please spread the word about our DonorsChoose campaign so we may have more art supplies to choose from.

Sincerely, Ms. Diana



KINDERGARTEN

Students will learn about shapes. They will learn through literacy and art history. Students will read *The Dot*, *Mouse Shapes*, and *Shape Zoo*. They will examine the artwork of Matisse focusing on shape and color. Students will create several different art pieces inspired by the books and artwork.

1ST GRADE

First graders are learning about the form and function of the figure. They will practice with proportions and scale in relation to figures. In connection with social studies, students will unit the study of the figure with family creating a portrait. Portraits will exhibit over the Thanksgiving celebrations. They will incorporate details, balance, proportions and shape placement into their own artwork.

2ND GRADE

Second grade students will use the art of Miro, Kandinsky and Matisse to create an abstract art piece. They will express abstract design through various line styles, line design and shapes. Students will learn about water color resist while incorporating color and design. Artwork will express balance and composition through abstract design.

3RD GRADE

Students are learning about color blending and mixing through the exploration of flowers. They will study the artwork of Van Gogh, Cezanne, Gauguin and Georgia O'Keefe. They will learn the differences between close up, still life and landscape art. They will study the impact of balance and space in their own artwork.

5TH GRADE

Students will use balance and perspective to create illusions within an art piece. Students will use these skills in creating public space image with depth and dimension. They will combine elements of perspective and theory of space with realistic depiction of space.



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