

Visual Arts

November Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to our November newsletter! We have spent the past few weeks working on collage techniques and combining collages with our drawing skills in order to create mixed media artworks. Together, we read *Scraps* by Lois Ehlert to learn some of the many ways of combining materials to make a picture. We also read *Moonbear's Bargain* by Frank Asch to help us brainstorm ways we could help our friends by doing something nice for them, and we even made collages where we show ourselves helping our friends! We even constructed paper versions of ourselves and placed them on a background that tells the world about a place where we love to spend time.

Now that we have explored how lines turn into shapes, and how shapes can be combined to create the things we see in the world around us, we are ready to move into our next unit—painting!

Through hands-on exploration, children will mix secondary colors and practice making images using paint and a variety of mark-making tools. We will read books such as *Mouse Paint* by Ellen Stoll Walsh, *I am Human* by Susan Verde, and more. We will also have opportunities to combine our drawing and collage skills with painting to create mixed media works.

Below are some photos from October of our artists hard at work in their Studios!

Sincerely,

Ms. Diana



A Kindergarten friend made a paper version of herself.

KINDERGARTEN

Students will learn about shape through creation under the sea creation. They will learn through literacy and art history.

Students will read Rainbow Fish, Pout Pout Fish, Coral Reef and Visit My Aquarium. Students will incorporate tracing skills and learn about balance.

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.

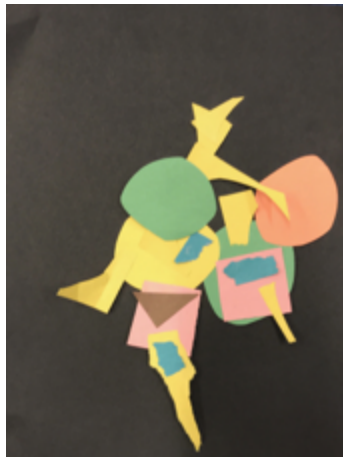
3RD GRADE

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.



Pre-K explored using shapes and collage to create pictures of places where they enjoy spending time.



If you were an Autumn leaf and could land anywhere in the world, where would you land? This month, Pre-K and Kindergarten friends practiced careful looking and observational drawing as they re-created the shape of a leaf on their paper.