

ART NEWSLETTER

PRESCHOOL

Our youngest artists are building up their motor skills by practicing control of their motions using a variety of materials. Some of the recent mediums we have tried are oil pastel, metallic tempera, liquid watercolor, tissue paper with glue and other forms of collage. This week, we will explore model magic with loose parts.



KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is learning that printmaking creates a mirror image. Artists begin by embedding a picture onto a Styrofoam plate using a pen. We then use our gross motor skills to make BIG movements with a brayer by applying ink and tempera paints onto the embossed image. Lastly, we place construction paper onto the inked Styrofoam and RUB. Voila!



Other kinder art happenings include a read aloud of the book titled Round by Lisa Congdon. The literature integration is followed by a study of all things round and a painting using fluorescent and metallic colors.



FIRST GRADE

First graders have been busy sculpting. We are learning how to build a mini clay pot using two techniques. We create a pinch pot, then build a coil on top to add height. The sculptures are then painted using metallic tempera paints.



SECOND GRADE

We read a book titled *Winter is the Warmest Season* by Lauren Stringer. Using one of the themes in the book, we created a three-dimensional collage of hot cocoa. During this process artists got to experience a watercolor resist technique with oil pastels, constructed, used scissors and glued.



THIRD GRADE

Third graders are working on a collage of their own. Inspired by yummy ramen bowl imagery, we are using lots of materials to create our collage. Artists use a scratchboard and a stylus to design their “bowls”. We then used yarn, thin wood strips and a variety of papers to create a multifaceted collage. In 3A we also worked on a school spirit to decorate our halls with Valentine’s Day messages.



FOURTH GRADE

Fourth graders recently completed a clay relief composition in a winter theme. Our design work based on an artist from Togo named Joseph Amedokpo are currently on display in the halls. Pictured below is one student's meticulous design work. Currently, we are working on a collage project based on the style of Jean Michel Basquiat. We read a Caldecott winning book titled *Radiant Child* by Javaka Stepstone as our introduction to the artist. Students are learning that artists might relay their message using a variety of mediums. In this case, collage combined with oil pastel. Emphasis is placed on composition using tilting, overlapping and off-page alignment.



FIFTH GRADE

Fifth graders recently learned some facts about the life and work of Frida Kahlo. Inspired by her work, we are currently creating a mixed media project using canvas, tempera paint and model magic.

