

March 2020 Art Newsletter

Open House is a time to celebrate what we have shared and experienced through the arts. In addition to the art on display, the children's art portfolios will be available for you to take home and enjoy. We encourage our children to discuss their works of art and the process they used in creating their fabulous masterpieces. By doing so, we help them to address Standards 4 and 5 of the Massachusetts Arts Curriculum Frameworks.

Kindergarteners in Ms. McMahon's class recently finished an adorable drawing of Raggedy Andy. We read a book about Raggedy Ann and Andy. I taught them how to draw Raggedy Andy. We looked at all the interesting shapes used to create Raggedy Andy. We discussed the patterns on his clothes. We used some paint to finish the backgrounds. The results came out adorable.

First graders in Ms Gray's class have started a unit on Dr. Seuss. We combined "World Read Aloud" Day with a chance to celebrate Dr. Seuss. For our first lesson, we read the book, The Cat in the Hat. I taught them how to draw the famous Cat in the Hat. For their next art lesson, my students will read and learn how to draw Red Fish Blue Fish.

Second graders in Ms. O'Shea's class are designing robots. This lesson was designed with the Teacher's Evaluation system in mind. After meeting with the 2nd grade teachers, I learned it would be helpful if I connected to their geometry unit in math. The students learned about several new geometric shapes. They will be creating robots and incorporating these shapes into their designs.

Third graders in Ms. Orlando's class have been learning about the Dutch artist, Vincent Van Gogh. The students drew beautiful drawings of sunflowers. They used washable markers to color them in. For their next project, they drew self-portraits. They painted them with tempera paint. In their backgrounds they used oil crayons. They chose 3 colors and made little short lines with oil crayons. Van Gogh was famous for his little short brush strokes. It was a technique he used in his paintings.

Fourth Graders in Ms Gambino's class have recently started unit on the famous Spanish artist, Pablo Picasso. The students drew and painted guitars. The class was divided into the Blue period and the Rose period. They learned how to mix tints and shades of the various colors with paint. For their next project, the students drew a portrait of a person in a style of art that Picasso invented called cubism. The students had so much fun drawing their cubism portraits. They will be using paint to add color to them.

Fifth Graders in Ms. Reed's class have been learning about the Incas, Mayans and Aztecs. They recently finished their Aztec warrior designs. They are currently working on a project that is called Inca Sun. The students are creating beautiful sun designs. They are using crayon and liquid watercolor to complete their designs.