



Eagle Art News

October Newsletter

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Grade 1

At the end of September, the first graders worked on a color wheel project. They learned the primary and secondary colors of the color wheel, and discussed complimentary colors as well. They also mixed paints, created a fruit still life, and decorated the background.

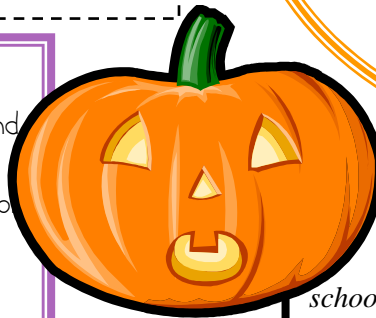
We are currently discussing **mandalas**. The students are learning that Mandalas are a universal human design. They will learn to create Mandalas by folding paper, finding the center point, and adding elements around the center point.

Grade 2

Second graders finished collage self portraits, and learned about the "action art" of Jackson Pollock. We are currently working on a color wheel project, and will be starting our papier mache dinosaurs very soon!

Grade 3

After studying Pablo Picasso's artwork, and creating a Picasso Portrait themselves, the third graders have moved on to a watercolor still life project. I am very impressed with the students' creativity and effort in art class! Keep up the good work!



Grade 4

Fourth grade students amazed the elementary school with their self portraits last month. They used adjectives for the background to describe who they are as people, and their portraits looked very realistic.

The fourth graders are currently finishing up their Van Gogh Sunflower Still Life Projects. Later this month we will begin our Fall Gourd Still Life. Happy Halloween!

At Home Art Spot

Aluminum Can Halloween Bats

1. Remove the tab from one empty soda can and crush by stepping on it.
2. Use black tempera paint to cover the entire crushed can (you may need more than one coat).
3. Use red and white tempera to paint a mouth, fangs, and eyes.
4. Cut wings from one piece of craft foam (it may be easier to fold in half, cut, and then open...you should have one giant wing that needs to be cut in half). The wings should be symmetrical.
5. Use craft glue to glue the wings to the can.
6. Tie a string to the bats and hang them around the house!

Reminders

2nd Grade is still collecting recyclables for the papier mache dinosaur project!

The Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago offers Family Art Days. Admission is FREE for families with children under 12! Follow the link for more information

http://www.mcachicago.org/education/fam_days.php?page=fdays



Artist of the Month:
Jackson Pollock

