



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.

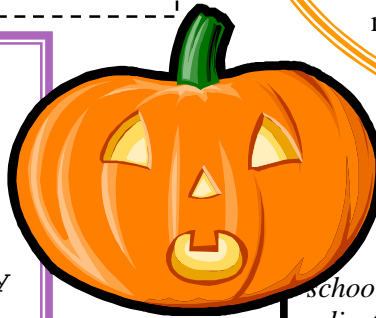
We are currently discussing **mandalas**. The students are learning that Mandalas are a universal human design. They will learn to create Mandalas by folding paper, finding the center point, and adding elements around the center point.

Grade 2

Last month, second graders finished collage self portraits, and learned about cartography/mapmaking. Our big dinosaur project will start October 17th, and finish on November 4th. We are looking forward to building papier mache dinosaurs!

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 printmaking project. Happy Halloween!

At Home Art Spot **Homemade Ghost Lanterns**

Stationed on a walkway or porch, these homemade lanterns will extend a ghostly greeting and good-bye to all your holiday visitors.

Materials

- Clean plastic gallon milk jugs
- Black permanent marker
- Craft knife
- String of 50 clear low-wattage holiday lights

Instructions

1. Draw ghost eyes and mouths on the jugs. **Tip:** Leave the caps on while you do this, so the jugs don't dent.
2. Use the craft knife to cut a half-dollar-size hole in the back of each jug (a parent's job).
3. Arrange the ghosts near each other and string the lights between them, stuffing several bulbs into each of the jugs.

Art in the Community

CHICAGO CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
@ Navy Pier

Chicago Children's "Halloweeum"

Chicago Children's Museum is the place to be this October for a frightfully fun time! Create your own costume in their art studio and decorate a mini-pumpkin to take home.

**Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays
throughout October (plus Halloween and
Columbus Day):**

- Costume-making in the art studio: 1, 2, 3 pm
- Decorate a mini-pumpkin*: 2:30 pm