



Awesome Artists



Primary Grades

All primary grades have started off the school year with a focus on line. Line is one of the art elements. Kindergarten is learning how a straight line can change directions. They are identifying vertical, horizontal and diagonal lines. Kindergarten artists created line colleges based on the Dutch artist Piet Mondrian.

First grade artists are reviewing names of lines including straight, thin, thick, wavy, zigzag, curly and broken. They created a symmetrical monarch butterfly using a variety of lines.

Second grade artists were introduced to Wassily Kandinsky, a Russian painter. They created a non-representational painting using a variety of lines, shapes and colors. Students then transformed their paintings to resemble a traditional quilt pattern.

Intermediate Grades

Third grade artists are learning about color groups. They have been working with warm and cool color groups, as well as complimentary color groups. Third graders are creating paintings of fall leaves.

Fourth grade has been focusing on symbols. A symbol is a picture or object that represents a noun. We discussed how symbols are used in works of art and everyday life. Fourth grade artists created works of art that included their names and symbols to represent things that are important to them.

Fifth grade has begun a unit on balance. Balance is a principle of design meaning the visual weight of an image. We have focused on radial balance, which is circular in shape and everything expands from the center point. Fifth grade artists are creating an artwork that uses the letters of their names to create a radial design.

Museum of the Month

The Baltimore Museum of Art
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The feature museum this month is the Baltimore Museum of Art. The BMA has a collection of more than 90,000 works of art including artists such as Pablo Picasso, Paul Cezanne, Andy Warhol, Vincent Van Gogh and Rembrandt. The Baltimore Museum of Art also holds the world's largest collection of work by Henri Matisse. The museum features a three acre landscaped sculpture garden containing modern and contemporary sculptures. The BMA, which is free of charge, also hosts several weekend family workshops (please visit the website for a schedule of activities).

* Please keep in mind that not all exhibits are appropriate for children of all ages. You may want to contact the museum prior to your visit with any concerns.

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