

Ms. McCarty's Memo

1st Quarter 2017

DRE "ROCKS!"

Every DRE student painted a rock to put out into the community for other children to find and in hopes to brighten someone's day. We learned that sharing our art can be an act of kindness.

Students LOVED painting the rocks!

A HUGE "THANK YOU" to the World Outdoor Emporium in Wentzville for the very generous donation of rocks to our cause!!



Where's Waldo?... I mean Ms. McCarty?

We kicked off the year with a HUGE "Where's Waldo?" display! Every student at DRE created a self-portrait, including images about their favorite things, to create an awesome whole-school picture.

Ms. McCarty and Miss Ohlms, also drew their own portraits, and hid them amongst the students, even moving them from time to time! Students loved the project and trying to find the art teachers, while we enjoyed getting to know our students! Such a fun introduction project!



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Kindergarten

Students learned about the 5 types of lines in art. Children loved playing whiteboard games to show all they learned about lines! We created 3 projects to apply our new learning of lines: Mondrian Line Madness, Line Lanterns, & Very Hungry Caterpillars. So cute!



1st Grade

After learning about the 5 types of lines in art, 1st graders spent some time inventing their own lines! Students created lines in their "Blowing Lines" project and even drew lines with GLUE in another! Finally, students learned how repeating lines can create patterns, which led to our Patterned Pumpkins project. This was such a fun, festive way to learn about lines!



2nd Grade

During our first unit on Line, 2nd grade students made an abstract composition of thick and thin lines with masking tape, which they painted over with tempera, revealing an awesome composition of directional lines! Students also learned about Edvard Munch and his very famous painting, "The Scream." During this unit, they also learned about the use of background, middleground, and foreground space in art, and created a "Scream" painting of their own!



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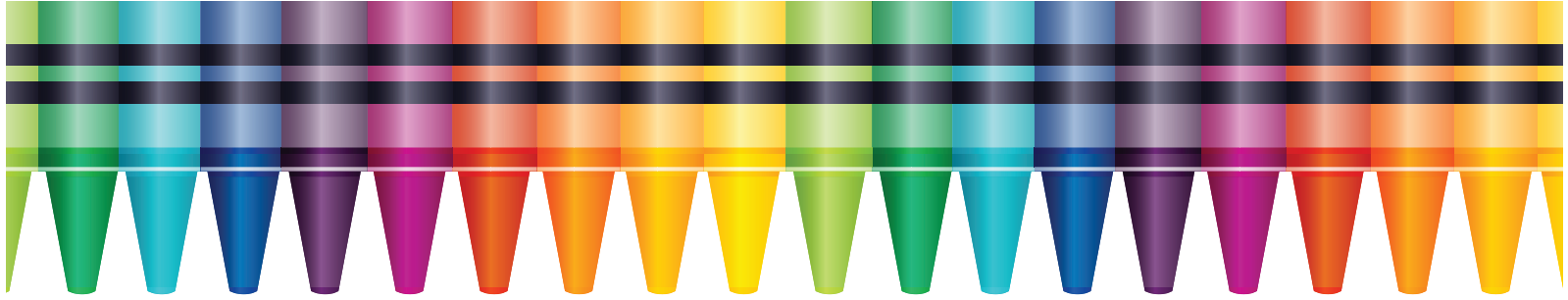
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3rd Grade

3rd graders have been studying the types of lines, but also contour & continuous lines. Students learned that observing the contours of an object helps us become better artists. Be sure to ask your child about their BLIND contour drawings! We also created mini-watercolor resist paintings, by painting over our oil pastel line compositions, and made a crazy 3D looking non-objective artwork of continuous lines!

4th Grade

4th grade students applied their knowledge of lines in a mini abstract scratchboard project. We experimented with different tools to learn which work best for creating types of lines, which will be helpful when making our Zebra Scratchboards. Students also learned about positive & negative space. 4th graders loved making Notan designs, which is a Japanese art playing with the harmony between black and white space. They turned out so cool!



5th Grade

Through a series of lessons & games 5th grade students have also been studying the 5 types of lines, even playing musical shares! Students have been learning how to draw in 1pt perspective, which is a method of drawing objects in space to look more realistic. To get into the spirit of Halloween, 5th graders have been creating Haunted Houses using their 1pt. perspective skills, even painting spooky skies and adding fun details to make them look creepy!

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