

Ms. McCarty's Memo

2nd Quarter 2017

Kindergarten

Kinders have been learning about shapes and forms, which coincided with their Math units as well. We learned that almost everything is made of shapes! One of our bigger projects was to use basic shapes to create Snowmen out of clay! Kinders learned how to trace and draw shapes, cut them out in clay, how to adhere clay pieces using scoring techniques, and paint the details once they were fired in the kiln. We decorated brown bags as "gift bags" to give them as presents for our loved ones over the holidays! Hopefully our families loved them as much as we enjoyed making them!



1st Grade

First graders learned about a lot about texture during 2nd Quarter. Students loved making texture rubbings and discovering textures in the world around them! They even created "Texture Turkeys" for Thanksgiving, which included some funny self-portraits! Students also began their Shape & Form unit, and students have been super excited about their Shape Cities! Each class worked as a community to design a unique city made of paper shapes, and each student had a say and an artistic hand in the creation! These little city designers have been hard at work!

2nd Grade

Students have continued learning about background, middle ground, and foreground. Second graders completed a Hidden Holiday Pop-up Project, where they had to create a holiday image that hid in the middle ground, while another image covered it in the foreground. These were adorable! Students also learned a little origami before break making some super cute holiday book corners, just for fun!



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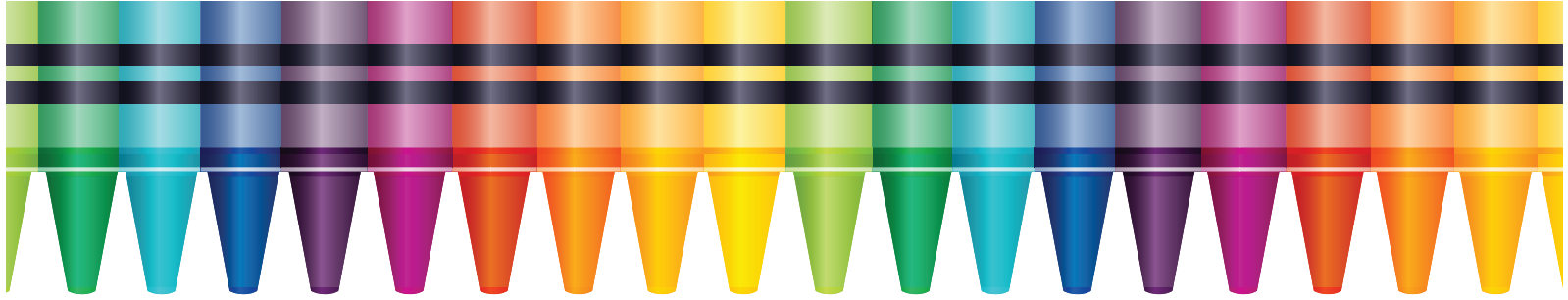
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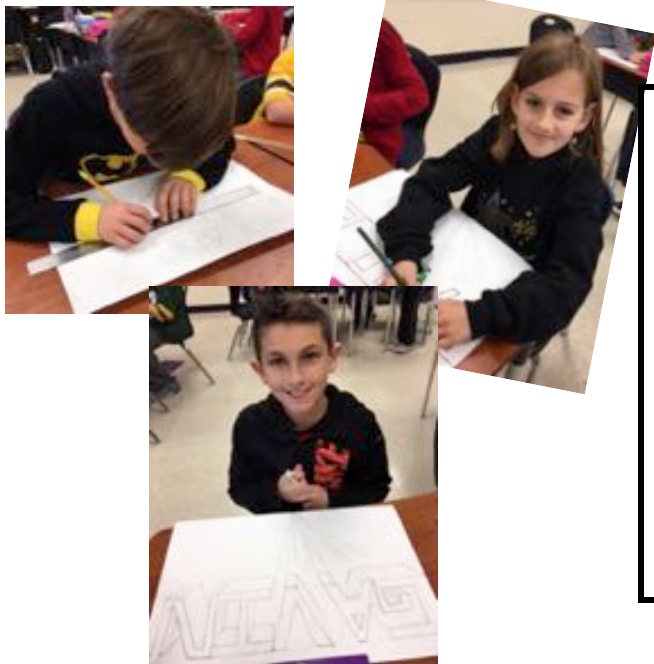
3rd Grade

Third graders have continued their study of lines into 2nd Quarter, creating several fun, in-depth projects. Students made a non-objective abstract design, which we called "Totally Tubular Lines," and a large owl drawing, each using only ONE continuous line! They have loved this challenge!



4th Grade

Fourth grade students have been learning about positive & negative space during their Line unit. Students learned about drawing lines, the process of printing, and how to use tools to scratch their drawings onto a scratchboard during their Zebra/Tiger Scratchboard projects.



5th Grade

Fifth grade students have been learning about 1pt. perspective, a method used to make drawings look more realistic and three-dimensional. Students completed their Haunted Houses from 1st Quarter and are now using their knowledge of those concepts to draw their names/nicknames in 1pt. Perspective too. This is a very in-depth project and I am so proud of these students for their patience and willingness to learn how to draw in perspective, which will be a useful tool as they transition to 6th grade. Students are amazed to see their own drawings transform, and personally, it's been very rewarding to watch their growth in Art!

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