



SEPTEMBER ART NEWSLETTER

THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IS ALL ABOUT GETTING TO KNOW THE ELEMENTS AND PRINCIPLES OF ART. IN SEPTEMBER, WE HAVE BEEN FOCUSING ON THE ELEMENTS OF SHAPE AND SPACE AND THE PRINCIPLES OF UNITY AND BALANCE.

KINDERGARTEN- IN KINDERGARTEN WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON JUNGLE PAINTINGS/ COLLAGES INSPIRED BY ARTIST HENRI ROUSSEAU. WE BEGAN BY PAINTING ORGANIC SHAPES, SUCH AS LEAVES AND TREES TO CREATE OUR JUNGLE. WE WILL THEN CREATE JUNGLE ANIMALS OUT OF GEOMETRIC SHAPES OF COLORED CONSTRUCTION PAPER. THE ANIMALS WILL BE GLUED TO THE JUNGLE PAINTINGS.

1ST GRADE- IN FIRST GRADE WE ARE WORKING ON ARTWORK INSPIRED BY ERIC CARLE, THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR OF THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR. STUDENTS WILL BE MAKING THEIR OWN CATERPILLAR COLLAGES WITH PAINTED PAPER ON BACKGROUNDS THAT THEY HAVE PAINTED. THEY WILL USE SHAPES SUCH AS OVALS TO CREATE THE CATERPILLAR'S BODY.

2ND GRADE- IN SECOND GRADE WE ARE CREATING MONSTERS! 3 MONSTERS TO BE EXACT, OUT OF GEOMETRIC SHAPES. BIG ROUND EYES, SHARP TRIANGLE TEETH. MOST ARTWORK CAN BE BROKEN DOWN INTO BASIC SHAPES.

3RD GRADE- IN THIRD GRADE WE ARE CREATING MIXED MEDIA COLLAGES OF OUR OWN ROBOTS! STUDENTS HAVE DESIGNED THEIR OWN ROBOT, GIVEN IT A SPECIFIC JOB, AND THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT IT MIGHT LOOK LIKE IN ORDER TO HELP IT DO ITS JOB. THE PARTS OF THE ROBOT WILL BE SHAPES CUT OUT OF CARDBOARD.

4TH GRADE- IN FOURTH GRADE WE WILL BE WORKING ON ARTWORK INSPIRED BY ARTIST HENRI MATISSE. MATISSE WAS A MASTER OF THE ELEMENTS OF SHAPE AND SPACE AND CREATED PAPER CUTOUTS. WE WILL BE CREATING PAPER CUTOUT COLLAGES IN THE STYLE OF HENRI MATISSE.

5TH GRADE- IN FIFTH GRADE WE ARE CREATING JAPANESE NOTAN DESIGNS. IT IS AN ART FORM WHICH USES POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE SPACE TO CREATE A BALANCED COMPOSITION WITH UNITY. STUDENTS USE CUT PAPER TO CREATE THIS DESIGN, WHERE THE POSITIVE SPACE PERFECTLY BALANCES THE NEGATIVE SPACE.

NEXT UNIT... COLOR!

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