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October 2014 Newsletter

Here's what my classes have been working on in October:

**Kindergarten** made a Pastel Pumpkin and used several different drawing and blending techniques. They also began making a Cloud & Rainbow using different paper manipulation techniques including tearing, cutting, fringing, rolling, and folding. They learned the proper order of the colors in the rainbow.

**First graders** learned how to complete Self-Evaluations for their Only One You Fish. They also learned about the color wheel and predicted color mixing outcomes through an experiment. They completed a color wheel and color mixing worksheet with primary and secondary colors. We also read the book “Mouse Paint”.

**Second graders** used texture rubbing plates and created a color wheel with shapes of their choosing. Some classes are still working on these currently.

**Third graders** selected from 4 different choices for their next project and to demonstrate their use of pressure to create gradual value changes to make the drawn objects appear to be 3-dimensional. They are using marker and crayon to complete this project.

**Fourth graders** learned about light source and its affect on real

3-dimensional geometric forms. Then they practiced shading geometric forms using gradual value changes. They will be using this skill to shade a drawing of real objects with a natural light source. They have their choice of drawing a paper punch or keys from 4 different points-of-view.

**Fifth graders** continued drawing 3-dimensional looking boxes independently and began to experiment with other geometric or organic forms or block letters. They started working on Neon Forms using colored pencil on black paper.

All students in grades 1-5 complete a self-evaluation on their art project prior to my evaluation of it. Both are completed on the same form for comparison.

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