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Newsletter

After all grades finished their grade level pre-assessments, they began their first art projects for the year. Here's what my classes have been working on in September:

**Kindergarten** did a second grade level pre-assessment drawing lines and shapes, which will be repeated again near the end of the school year. Then they did a directed-drawing of a Line Landscape. They also learned proper coloring technique and desired qualities.

**First graders** completed their Self-Portraits. We read the book “There is Only One You” by Linda Kranz and designed similar rock-shaped fish using marker and crayon. They created a background to mount heir fish on.

**Second graders** finished their Self-Portraits. They learned about warm colors and made a background paper by using leaf rubbing plates.

**Third graders** completed their Self-Portraits. They also took a Third Grade Pre-Test to assess their initial knowledge of third grade curriculum concepts. Then they colored value color wheels varying the pressure to create the 3 different values of each color.

**Fourth graders** continued to work on their Self-Portraits. They then began a practice exercise to show gradual values changes with colored pencils.

**Fifth graders** completed their Self-Portraits. They also took a Fifth Grade Pre-Test to assess their initial knowledge of fifth grade curriculum concepts. They learned vocabulary for 1-point perspective and began drawing 3-dimensional looking boxes in various on the paper.

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