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January 2015 Newsletter

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

**Kindergarten** used a sponge on a stick to paint very large Snowman Portraits. They then colored in the features of the face and the scarf with oil pastels for a pop of color. They also created Tape Resist Hearts using masking tape and tempera cake paint.

**First graders** mounted their Mondrian mixed-media artwork and also completed a Self-Evaluation. They took a quiz to show that they had learned to recognize the artwork of Dutch artist Piet Mondrian. They began learning about making clay Pinch Pots.

**Second graders** took a Landscape Space Pre-Test to see what they already know about creating the illusion of space n a landscape. They started making a cut construction paper 3-dimensional landscape to identify foreground, middle ground, and background in a work of art. It can be displayed either 2-dimensionally or 3-dimensionally.

**Third graders** finished up their “After” Trees from the drawing experiment. Then they selected from several different tree projects to create a mixed-media work of art with a silhouette tree and watercolor background.

**Fourth graders** got inspiration to create clay Gargoyles from many different 2- and 3-dimensional samples. They drew a Gargoyle Plan showing what they want their gargoyle to look like form the front, side, and back views, including texture in the piece. They learned the proper technique for attaching 2 pieces of clay.

**Fifth graders** did a Right Brain/Left Brain drawing experiment to encourage them to think more creatively when they are drawing. They learned about American artist Georgia O’Keefe and her work for inspiration for their watercolor flower paintings.

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