

October 2015

Hello,

The students worked very hard in the month of October.

Here's what they have been working on:

- **Grades 1-5:** They finished their second Self-Portrait drawing. They used the mirrors to help them see facial proportions (the size relationship between the whole and its parts). We also discussed the shapes, sizes, and locations of all the features of the face, and drew them step-by-step. They started adding color to these with colored pencils. They used lines for the hair, eyebrows, and eye lashes, and colored in the other parts. They mixed colors to get the realistic color that we are looking for in these self-portraits. They learned to vary the pressure of the colored pencils to achieve different effects. They also learned special techniques for the eyes. They will be comparing the 2 self-portraits they have done this year so that they can see their growth from this experience.
- **Kindergarten:** They began coloring in their Line Landscapes with crayon. They learned proper coloring technique, such as short strokes that are close together, as opposed to longer, scribbly strokes. We discussed desired qualities of good coloring, such as very few white spaces and not being able to see the direction of the strokes. At the end of October, some classes started their Line Masks. They folded, drew, and cut it out first. They learned about safe and proper scissor usage. We also discussed various reasons and occasions why people make and wear masks – disguise, costume, safety, health, and as decoration.



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