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November 2014 Newsletter

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

**Kindergarten** made symmetrical Line Masks by cutting construction paper and decorated them with oil pastels using only lines. Some classes also drew Family Portraits using crayons.

**First graders** continued learning about color mixing. They listened to the book Little Blue and Little Yellow and then used primary colored play dough to make the secondary colors. They took their new colors of dough home. They also learned about Dutch artist Piet Mondrian and how to recognize some of his more famous artwork.

**Second graders** finished up their leaf rubbings. They began drawing realistic-looking leaves which they traced later with black crayon. They used watercolor paint to paint the leaves with warm colors.

**Third graders** continued working on their Gradual Value choice project. The entire paper is colored in with crayon using pressure to create gradual value changes to make the drawn objects appear to be more 3-dimensional.

**Fourth graders** began their drawing of a paper punch or keys (their choice) from 4 different points-of-view on 4”x4” white squares. Then they shaded them in using an Ebony pencil to create 4 different values.

**Fifth graders** continued working on their Neon Forms. They started with regular pencils and rulers. Then they traced those lines using light colored pencils on black paper. They had to draw 5 required forms and 1 more of their choice.

(Both Second and Fifth graders had musical practice this month during 1 of their art classes. We also had a few days off for Thanksgiving this month.)

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