November 2015

November was a really busy month! We had a lot of things going on at school that affected Art class this month. We had 3 days off for Thanksgiving. I had to take my show on the road for 2 days and go classroom to classroom with my cart because the Mobile Dentist was using the Art Room. Second graders had music practice during their art time. We also had 2 Veteran's Day programs to pay tribute to our Veterans. As a follow up, students and staff created about 450 cards/letters for the troops which I collected and sent to Operation Gratitude. They will send them to soldiers who will be away from their homes and families during the holidays. Needless to say, many classes are at different stages of projects or even on completely different projects.

Grades 1-5: Many were still finishing up their 2nd Self-Portrait; some finished in October.

5th Grade: They took a Fifth Grade Pre-Test to assess their initial knowledge of fifth grade curriculum concepts. They also began a Right Brain/Left Brain drawing experiment to encourage them to think more creatively when they are drawing. Ask them about it!

4th Grade: They began learning about Keith Haring who is known for his figure drawings. They will be creating 2 simultaneous projects using positive and negative space and choosing a color scheme.

3rd Grade: They took a Third Grade Pre-Test to assess their initial knowledge of third grade curriculum concepts. They also completed a Value Color Wheel using crayon pressure to achieve 3 different values.

2nd Grade: They took a pre-test on space in a work of art. Some began learning about foreground, middle ground, background, and horizon line, and started a landscape.

1st Grade: They listened to the story "Only One You" by Linda Kranz and began creating a patterned fish like the ones in the story.

Kindergarten: Most finished their line masks using oil pastels. They listened to the story "I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!" by Karen Beaumont. They drew the boy from the story. After learning about the proper usage of paint brushes and paint, their painted their boy and background.

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