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December 2013 Newsletter

**An important note about supplies for students in grades 1-5:**

Many, many students are missing the supplies that they are required to bring to art class each time. They have lost them or used them all up, and the year is not even half over. Each student was given a note to take home. **Please make sure they have what they need for art class.** (Art supplies make great gifts!)

**Here's what my classes have been working on in the month of November:**

**Kindergarten** learned different reasons that people make and wear masks. Then they cut their own and decorated it with all kinds of lines using oil pastels. They also drew family portraits and colored them in with crayons.

**First graders** learned about Piet Mondrian’s artwork and style, and created glued-tissue designs using only the primary colors. They also learned about classifying lines as angled or curved, and made high contrast designs with black marker and brightly colored paper.

**Second graders** finished up their “Native American Rugs” with oil pastels. (They have missed some art classes due to music program practice and the days off for Thanksgiving.)

**Third graders** had their choice of subject matter to show their knowledge and skill in creating shading with color to make objects look 3-dimensional. Some are still finishing those. (They also have missed some art classes due to music program practice and the days off for Thanksgiving.)

**Fourth graders** began drawing their shoe and then shading them according to how the light hits them.

**Fifth grade** finished up their profile portraits in proportion. They used marker, colored pencil, and crayon to make them colorful. These have taken longer than anticipated, due to the amount of detail they put into them. They also did a right brain, left brain switch activity to learn to use the creative side of their brain to draw what they *actually see*, not what they *think* something should look like.

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