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Hello everyone! Welcome back to school!

Again this year, we have 3 art teachers here at Riverwood, due to our large enrollment. On the website, you can click on my name, Mrs. McKay, or Mrs. Wagner to see the list of classes we teach.

August went by very quickly. During the first week, my classes went over the rules, procedures, and expectations for art class. One of the expectations is that students in 1st-5th grade are responsible to bring their own art supplies and their sketchbook to art class each time. (Kindergarten students do not need to bring anything with them.)

My first graders learned the steps for the Weekly Draw exercise. Students in grades 2-5 reviewed the steps. Students draw an object at their table for 3-4 minutes at the beginning of art class each week. This is a practice exercise for looking at and interpreting what they see onto paper.

Grades 1-5 began drawing self-portraits by looking at themselves in the mirror.

Kindergarteners began a grade level pre-assessment activity. The same activity will be repeated near the end of the school year. The students will be able to compare the 2, and see their own growth in their abilities - physical motor skills, perceptual skills, and cognitive thinking skills. They drew a self-portrait, a figure, traced their hand and also drew lines and shapes. They practiced proper pencil grip.

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