

Fourth grade artists will continue working in their Color Books and render a winter scene focusing on cast and form shadows after formulating a mixed media personal statement, and a watercolor painting. They will design stencils and weave patterns inspired by Navajo fiber artists. Romare Bearden, Picasso, Ben Shahn, and Faith Ringgold are among the artists whose work will inspire our art.

Third grade artists will be looking at weavings from the American tribal cultures and other cultures around the world before completing their own fiber art. They will also complete directed drawing activities, paint a winter scene and experiment with various horizon lines in pastel. Artists whose work we will compare and contrast include Albert Bierstadt, Horace Pippin, Emanuel Leutze, Allison Saar, Wayne Thiebaud, H. O. Tanner, Claude Monet, and Constable.

Second grade artists will investigate different painting techniques as they execute a variety of artwork. They will complete their angels, continue their personal drawing books and expand their media use to cray-pas, watercolor pencils, pastels, tissue paper and gloss gel. We will look at and talk about Chinese art, the Fauves, and work by Miriam Schapiro, John J. Audubon, and William Johnson.

First grade artists will be designing printing plates before pulling a series of prints. They will continue their *About Me* books, complete a watercolor weaving, draw an Epiphany scene, and complete a portrait of George Washington. Artists whose work we will enjoy discovering include Joel Schapiro, Edvard Munch, Andy Warhol, Jacob Lawrence, Diego Rivera, Rembrandt Peale, Gilbert Stuart, Alice Neel, and Hokusai.

Kindergarten artists are extending their creative experiences to the third dimension as they complete art inspired by the season. They will paint wintry scenes which combine tempera and acrylic paint in addition to forming and painting a celluclay snowperson. They will also complete a series of color mixing activities, print patterns and construct imaginative sculptures. Artists whose work we will investigate include Monet, Jim Dine, Dale Eldred, Brancusi, and Derain.

We will mark Black History Month in every class by displaying and discussing and celebrating the creativity of African-American artists throughout our history.

*Thank you,
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