



WHAT'S COMING HOME... BUCK LAKE ART NEWS

~ KINDERGARTEN / FIRST GRADE ~
2019-2020



DRAWING WITH GEOMETRIC SHAPES

Buck Lake Kindergarten and First graders began the school year learning about “geometric” shapes (circle, square, oval, rectangle and triangle) and created an abstract drawing by tracing them. For Kindergarten, this was an introduction to “geometric” shapes and students traced and overlapped the shapes making new freeform shapes. This was a review for First graders and they had a choice of simply overlapping them or arranging the shapes to create an unusual abstract picture of something we might recognize.

SEVERAL CIRCLES like KANDINSKY

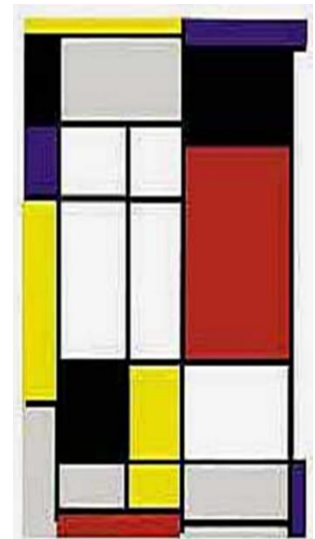


Several Circles, 1926
by Wassily Kandinsky

Students learned about artist Wassily Kandinsky and how he loved making ABSTRACT paintings and was influenced by music. We heard a story about his life in a book called “The Noisy Paintbox.” We studied the painting “Several Circles” painted in 1926 and noticed all the overlapping circles and his black background. Kindergarten and First grade students created their own version of this painting by overlapping of circles. Students printed various sizes of overlapping circles on their paper. Once dry, each student painted the circles and free form shapes created by overlapping circles then painted their background, some chose black like Kandinsky. We hope you enjoy the beautiful compositions.

ABSTRACT PAINTINGS like Piet Mondrian

Buck Lake Kindergarten and First graders looked at artworks by Piet Mondrian. He liked to use primary colors (red, yellow, blue) and straight BOLD black lines in his paintings. The lines he used were horizontal (across) and vertical (up and down). Some lines were thick while others were thin. We created our own paintings like Mondrian. We noticed that the lines we made created rectangles and squares all over our paintings. It was challenging to keep the paint inside the lines and glue the strips to make our lines straight. We hope you enjoy our abstract creations.





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SELF-PORTRAIT
COLLAGES:
A BUCK LAKE TRADITION



STARTED but NOT FINISHED...

Kindergarten and First grade students were just beginning to create collages of themselves. Collage is an artwork made by gluing paper and/or other materials. We looked at and discussed the Mona Lisa and two portraits of children created in the 18th century. Students first created a background painting with cool colors and made tints by mixing color with white. It made an interesting background. Then students used colored paper to create a collage of their face using only scissors. No pencils. No patterns. And then... we started distance learning.

These self-portrait collages have been cherished artworks for many Buck Lake parents through the years. Since this years are unfinished, I would like for the kids to be able to complete them next year so I am keeping them to do so. I am sure you will not be disappointed.

I would appreciate any volunteers that can assist at the beginning of the school year to help sort them into their new classes. Thank you for your support.



Leonardo da Vinci



MONA LISA by Leonardo da Vinci

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