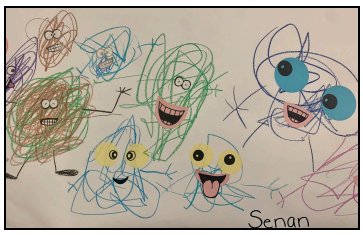
# Birch Art Newsletter

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## Kindergarten Art

**Fall 2026**

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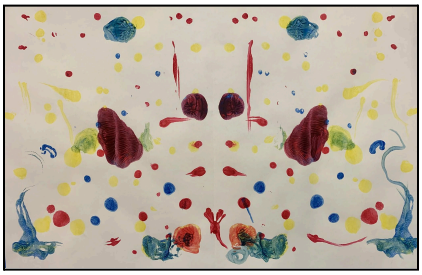
It is hard to believe that this is the first art newsletter of the school year, and also the last that will be sent out from Birch, ever! Although we have only had a short time together in this building, I know our students will love creating in our new art room even more! What will not change as we transition to the new school are the established rules and routines. Classes earn art stars by practicing our district motto; to be kind, safe, and responsible. Every 5 stars earned are rewarded with an art party, which is a surprise activity each time. Throughout the school year, students will have their art hung up in the art room, and annually, 10 student projects are selected and displayed at the Administration Building during the following school year.

My main goal is to teach students art basics, including how to use scissors, glue, color properly, etc., while introducing the 7 Elements of Art which are color, form, line, shape, space, texture, value. Students focus on naming different types of lines and shapes, and figuring out how to use them to draw things we recognize, while exploring their own originality and self-expression.

We discussed abstract art which is made with lines, shapes, and colors that do not show us something we know (like a person, animal, or car), but uses marks to make us *feel* something. We created 3 sequential abstract art projects to reinforce creativity, individuality, and instill confidence in our young art stars! The projects are pictured below: Fireworks, which was a texture rubbing with bright crayons, Line Party with marker, cut paper, and confetti, and *Art&Max* Abstract Paintings with primary color paint based on the book by David Weisner.







ELC classes attend art every other day. While following the general kindergarten art curriculum, we also have the opportunity to support their weekly classroom themes. We have created scribble friends, painted apples, textured school bus art, and multiple exploratory paintings using bleeding tissue paper or multiple colors. (See photos at top right)

I hope you will stop by the art room during conferences in the fall or once we are in the new building. I can be reached at leslie.mccombs@nolmsted.org or by calling the school at (440) 588-5400 with any questions or concerns you may have. I love creating with our Birch (and soon to be NOES) art stars!