

Birch Art Newsletter

with Ms. McCombs

Kindergarten Art at Birch

Fall 2024



Our Birch kindergarten students are Art Stars in the making! Most students will have the chance to have their art hung up at school, and 10 student projects will be selected at the end of the year to be displayed at the Administration Building during the 2025-26 school year.

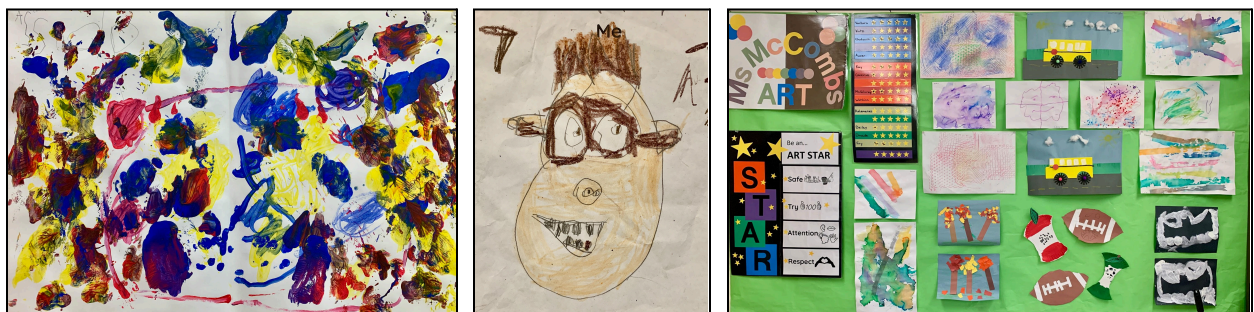
While getting to know each other in September, students drew self-portraits and portraits of their families, including pets. Throughout this school year, we will focus on naming different types of lines and shapes, and figuring out how to draw things we know using them.

We moved on to some abstract art projects that are fun to make and show all students that they can be creative and successful in Art! We used texture plates and crayons to make texture rubbings that look like fireworks bursting in the sky. Each piece showed many colors and textures.

Our "Line Party" project explored Wassily Kandinsky's paintings, and how he made abstract art using lines, shapes and lots of color. We used markers to draw every type of line we could think of, then practiced cutting along many different lines with scissors. Lastly, we glued down large shapes and turned our projects into a party by sprinkling confetti on top.

Art & Max by David Weisner taught us to experiment while painting. Students used primary colors to paint with cotton swabs and spoons, then folded the paper in half to mix colors, making secondary colors appear. It was so much fun to experience the magic of mixing colors!

ELC classes have the opportunity to make even more art while visiting me every other day. I try to support themes from their classrooms, and explore our own art activities too.



Classes earn art stars by practicing the Birch Pledge; being safe, kind and trying their best, as well as paying attention and showing respect for one another and our art materials. Every 5 stars are rewarded with an art party which is a surprise activity each time! I appreciate those families who stopped by during Parent Teacher Conferences. It's always a pleasure to meet you! Conferences will be held again January 16&22 so feel free to drop in. Please never hesitate to contact me at leslie.mccombs@nolmsted.org or by calling the school at (440) 588-5400 with any questions or concerns you may have.