

Birch Art Newsletter

with Ms. McCombs

Winter Review

2024-2025

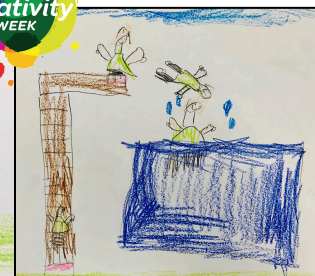


Our Birch kindergarten students have developed Art Star qualities! Students have learned a lot about the elements of art; color, line, shape, space, texture, and value. We have also touched on many of the principles of design; balance, form, movement, proportion, unity, and variety.

The winter months had us focused on Arctic animals and cool themes like polar bears, penguins, snowflakes, and alphabet soup! Our polar bears were hanging decorations completed with marker, yarn and googly eyes. The penguin paintings featured line and shape while students learned how to draw a penguin, and then mixed paint and amazing brushwork to show falling snow and the movement of water while our penguins rode wild waves. Alphabet soup is a fun mixed media project where students were tasked with writing their ABC's in a soup bowl, and hiding their name in it too. We add all kinds of fun veggies and noodles to the bowl, a fringed napkin, and a plastic spoon all on top of a plaid placemat.

We participated in Crayola Creativity Week by reading the book *Just Because* written by Matthew McConaughey and illustrated by Renee Kurilla. We watched a video to hear the author and illustrator talk about their passion for creativity and value of individuality. Each student used their visual voice to express a message through their self-portrait drawing project. Students were challenged to dream big dreams and draw themselves doing a job that interests them, show off their skills and hard work by drawing themselves doing something they are really good at, or depicting a time in their life when they were extra kind or extremely brave. I am very proud of the choices students made and how they let their visual voices shine through their art!

ELC classes were able to create additional projects since they visit the art room every other day. We created mixed media downhill skier scenes, and giant snowmen. Students made snails with silly shells, rainbow scratch art drawings, and so much more.



One more Art Newsletter will come out before the end of the school year to feature our spring projects. As always, feel free 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.