

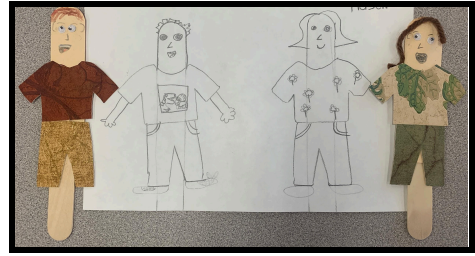
# Birch Art Newsletter

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## Kindergarten Art

Winter Review 2025-2026

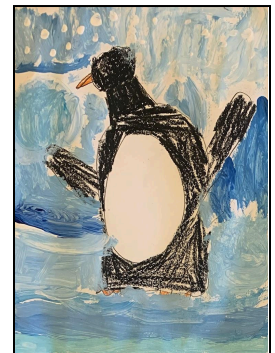


Our Birch kindergarten students made it through winter, while celebrating all things arctic and comforting like warm soup and close friends in art class. Students love a drawing game we play with dice! This winter we drew gingerbread cookies and snowmen with winter backgrounds. Next, the snowy weather brought about our penguins! We listened to a story called *Spike: The Penguin with Rainbow Hair* by Carmen Ellis and Sarah Cullen and learned to draw penguins. The drawing focused on using line and shape to achieve a penguin's likeness and silliness. We learned about value by mixing blue, turquoise, and white paint to show water and snowflakes in movement to create a wintry background..

*All Are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold talks about inclusivity within a school and community. We talked about how it feels to belong. Students drew their self portrait with another person who gives them a sense of belonging. The next step was to turn those practice drawings into craft stick puppets using paper, wallpaper, googly eyes, and yarn. Classes spent a day with their puppets in the Birch Friends Theater creating skits about what they like to do in school.

We read a story called *Growing Vegetable Soup* by Lois Ehlert before making our alphabet soup mixed media project. We discussed the life cycle of plants and how they are harvested to make soup. Students learned about creating a plaid pattern for their placemat, practiced writing their ABCs in the soup, and even hid their names in the bowl. We cut yarn noodles and foam sheets for vegetables to add to our broth. The final touch was a big, shiny, plastic spoon atop a napkin.

ELC groups also created mixed media skiers on their way down snowy slopes, glittery snowflakes, polar bear decorations, Pete the Cat mobiles, and abstract paintings in plastic bags.



Look for the final digital art newsletter at the end of the school year where I will announce which kindergarten students will be honored by having their artwork displayed at the Administration Building during the 2026-2027 school year. As always, I can be reached by calling the school at (440) 588-5400 or via email at [leslie.mccombs@nolmsted.org](mailto:leslie.mccombs@nolmsted.org).