

# May 2018

## Art Newsletter

**Kindergarteners** in Ms. McMahon's class have been learning how to draw alligators. They also learned how to create an alligator out of construction paper by practicing their cutting skills. I let them take home their new paper pet alligators. I sent them home with a piece of paper to draw some fun things that their new pet might need like a leash or a water bowl or toys.

**1<sup>st</sup> graders** in Ms. Blanchard and Ms. Gray's class have been having so much fun learning how to draw "The Cat in the Hat" and "Red Fish Blue Fish." I have been reading Dr. Seuss books to them. They love to look closely at the pictures and images that were drawn by Dr. Seuss. He was such a creative genius.

**2<sup>nd</sup> graders** in Ms. O'Shea's class has been looking at art from medieval times. They have recently started drawing castles. They will be learning how to create value scales using pencils by adding shading to their castles. They have been working really hard on detailed patterns. They are doing a great job!!!

**3<sup>rd</sup> graders** in Ms. Orlando's class are starting their lesson on "Puppets." This lesson ties into a biography lesson that they are doing in their classroom. The puppets come out adorable every year.

**4<sup>th</sup> graders** in Ms. Gambino and Ms. Aikin's classes had been learning about perspective. The students were also learning how to draw cars from various angles. For this new project, the students had to use their imaginations to create interesting scenery that their car might be driving by. Once the scenery is colored in, we will be learning how to draw the car and attach it so that the car will look three dimensional.

**5<sup>th</sup> graders** in Reed's class are working on their plaster masks. This project takes preparation. It begins with all students cutting their plaster strips. The following week, the students make their masks on a plastic mold. The students are now beginning to design and paint their masks. The final class will be adding various features and details to their masks.