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September Art Newsletter

DEAR CIP FAMILIES

I want to thank everyone for such a warm and wonderful welcome to the CIP family! I can't believe how quickly this first month has flown by or how much our artists have already astounded me with their enthusiasm, respect, and creativity. They have a lot to be proud of. I would like to start this tradition of monthly newsletters so that I can share with you in a more condensed format what we are working on, on top of my more regular updates to my website linked below. I believe that family involvement is extremely important so I want to make sure that I am keeping you guys in loop when it comes to your child's education. If you ever have any questions, feel free to email me at cailin.healey@paineschool.org.

Thank you!

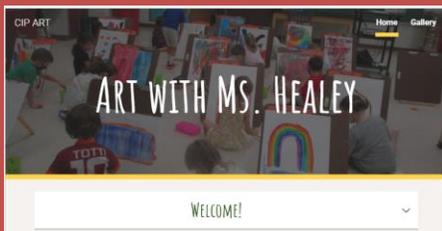
And KEEP CREATING!



-Ms. Healey

Check out my website!

I have created a website that I can update WEEKLY about our CIP artists' progress! Visit it regularly for posts and images of their work.



Link: <https://sites.google.com/paineschool.org/art> or find it on the school website!

ACADEMICS

This month, students have been getting settled into their routines and doing a lot of "house-keeping". Grades 1-5 made sketchbooks that they will be able to use throughout the year for planning and practice, and that will be kept in the classroom so that I can visit them to monitor growth. I pulled out a few tricks from up my sleeve and showed them some cool techniques like turning marker into watercolor paint and tissue paper into transferrable dye in order to decorate their sketchbook covers. The results were stunning and so much fun to create! We also spent some time filling out "about me" pages that are inserted into the sketchbooks. I will use these to get to know the artists and their interests so that I can plan projects that will engage and excite them.

Our first of five units we will be addressing this year is "Art is a language." It is vital to understand art terminology in order to express our ideas in art and make them come to life, so throughout this unit each grade will be working on projects that spotlight the Elements of Art and Principles of Design. Students have already shown me what they know with a quick worksheet so that I know what to focus on for each class.

Pre-K has been working hard on a variety of activities that focus on fine motor skills and allow them to use their wonderfully creative minds! Kindergarten and 1st grade are now working on a project that will familiarize them with the color wheel and color families.

2nd and 3rd grade are working with color, shape, and line.

4th and 5th grade are working on abstract portraits that also work with color, shape, line, and space.

Next month, we will continue to explore art as a language and add to our artists' tool belts.