



Art Zone Monthly Digest

October Newsletter

Updating you on all things music and art for the month!



by **Ms. Mia, Mr. Vernola, and Ms. Abbate**

This year is off to a great start with the Art Zone grade bands. Until December grades 3K-1 have Ms. Mia for music, grades 2-5 have Mr. Vernola for art, and grades 6-8 have Ms. Abbate for art.

In music we started off the year by writing our own class-generated expectations. Thanks to Ms. Lucin's PreK class for the most original music classroom rule this year: "Don't set your house on fire." We have been learning many new songs and music games such as "Doggy Doggy," "Here Comes a Birdy," "Wawanko," "Trata," "Baila," "Goodbye Good Friends," and "I Hear Music."

In Mr. Vernola's art class second graders are studying and practicing creative penmanship! Third graders are learning graphic design, fonts, and wax resist! Fourth and fifth graders pull on that prior knowledge adding newer paint techniques and procedures!



In Ms. Abbate's class the 6th graders are working on projects that explore radial symmetry, mandalas and watercolor paints. Our 7th graders are working on 1 point perspective cityscapes and watercolors (*as pictured above*). The 8th graders continue to work on an interesting twist on a self-portrait called "Ball About Me" and an op art unit.

THIS WEEK'S
TOP STORIES



Donors Choose Helps Grow Music Program

Thanks to Ms. Mia's Donors Choose project being funded we were able to put together the first PS/MS 29 instrumental ensemble. Ms. Campi's class will be playing violins, trombones, and flutes that were funded through the project and utilizing other instruments in the ensemble that will be performing in March.

Arts High School Preparation

After school on Tuesdays (and Wednesdays for music) the Art Zone team will be working to prepare students for Arts High School auditions and interviews. Musicians will be working with Ms. Mia on musical theater audition materials and will be going to 5 high school auditions with Ms. Mia through October and November. Artists will be working with Ms. Abbate on creating and compiling materials for their artist portfolios to be shown to prospective high schools.



Art Zone Team