

**P.S. 33 Chelsea Prep
November 2018 Newsletter
Visual Arts with Ms. Vazirani**

Thank you for donating supplies for our classroom. Hand wipes and sanitizer bottles are always appreciated throughout the year! Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at vazirani@ps33chelseaprep.com. Recently, our entire student body was working on drawings for the Square 1 Art Fundraiser. Their website (www.square1art.com) will post images of student artwork that you'll be able to purchase on different items (magnets, stickers, mugs, etc.) to raise money for P.S. 33! Details will be coming soon.

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Our kindergarteners are currently studying the works of author and artist Eric Carle. They are using their knowledge about color theory and practicing mixing different tints and shades of colors with tempera paint. They will then create animal collages inspired by Eric Carle by cutting their painted paper down to geometric and organic shapes and arranging them together. 1st graders will be able to add a background to their animal collages.

2nd Grade & 3rd Grade

2nd and 3rd graders will be starting a unit on self-portraiture. They will analyze the works of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, who famously painted intricate self-portraits with colorful nature-inspired backgrounds. Students will start off by studying scale, proportion, and how to draw a self-portrait step by step. Then, they'll use Frida's style of work to inspire their backgrounds. 3rd graders will have an additional lesson on how to draw certain facial expressions in their portraits.

4th Grade

4th graders are learning about the Iroquois for their Social Studies unit and they will be designing their own Wampum belts and dreamcatchers! They will learn about their significance and use elements of art and principles of design such as shape, color, pattern, harmony, and rhythm to create their designs.

5th Grade

5th graders will be exploring patterns, shapes, and symmetry. They will be using that knowledge to create their own sugar skull drawings to learn more about the Mexican holiday Dia de los Muertos. Sugar skull art depicts beautiful, vibrant colors and each student can create their own unique design.