

# Artroom News

December, 2017

## Happy December!

### Third Grade:

We are finishing up our unit on American Folk Art.

We have observed different folk artists from the early colonies to the present day.

These artists consisted of the working class farmers, artisans, and laborers who could not attend art school.

Majority of folk artists were self-taught while drawing inspiration from their small town communities.

This concept lead to many great discussions with the third grade students about learning new skills, finding resources to help you, and always practice practice practice!



### Fourth Grade:

We are finishing our Painting Unit where the students learned two new painting techniques used by watercolor artists.

One of the techniques involved painting on a wet surface. By adding water to the paper, we created a road for the color to travel through and diffuse over the page. ----->

The second involved using plastic wrap to cover wet paintings. By using their hands, the students scrunched up the plastic wrap leaving lots of creases and folds. By letting the paintings dry with the plastic wrap, the folds left behind lots of fun textures!

It has been a great end to 2017 and we look forward to many more projects in 2018!



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