March Art Room Update from Mr. Pilon

I am excited to have 2 student teachers from the University of Minnesota this spring. Starting at the end of January through mid-March, Marisha Erickson has been working with my classes. She will then change placements with Jill Gandrud, who is at Edison High School right now. Jill will then student teach with me until mid-May.

Here's what the kids are up to in my classes this month!

Kindergarten:
This month we are wrapping up looking at how artists use color in their work. We looked at the work of Paul Klee and designed warm and cool animals. Next, we will be moving on to how artists show space. We will be creating city murals where we focus on far and near.

First Grade: Students are working with Ms. Erickson to investigate ocean pollution and how it affects sea animals and what students can do to help. Some classes are also wrapping up working on clay and creating monsters that incorporate clay hand building techniques.

Second Grade: Students are learning about values, shading, and creating personalities in their robot designs.

Third Grade: We are learning how to tell stories through comics. They are looking at examples of how to tell and illustrate a story in comic form before creating their own.

Fourth Grade: We are working on 1 point perspective and incorporating that technique into a surrealist landscape. One 4th grade class, Ms. Favero's, is working with Ms. Erickson on creating large portraits of important people for black history month. They looked at Kehinde Wiley's portraits, including the recently finished one of Barack Obama, for inspiration and ideas about layout and patterns. This will hopefully be ready for display early in March.

Fifth Grade: Ms. Erickson is working with Mr. Moyer's class on a collaborative clay project where they are creating miniature clay city structures to install on the school grounds. The others classes are working on designing castles using values to show darks and lights. Ms. Erickson is also working with Mr. Benjamin's class on creating personal logos.