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*CREATIVE ARTS WITH MRS. LEDWON
First Grade*

Your child is learning about lines and shapes in art and in the environment, and is making art that uses these elements of art. The unit theme is "The World Around Me." We give thanks to God for all His beautiful artwork!

Here are vocabulary and concepts that your child will be learning about in this unit

**LINES
ZIGZAG
SHAPES
FREE-FORM SHAPES
STILL LIFE
PORTRAIT
SELF-PORTRAIT**

Try this! Combine lines: use objects from around your home, such as rulers, strings, or hangers, to help your child "build" the outlines of several geometric shapes.

Sketching: Invite your child to draw a self-portrait using different lines and shapes. Then have your child identify the shapes and lines he or she used.

Art puzzlers:

- *How many kinds of LINES do you see in people's clothes?*
- *Look out the window. What LINES do you see?*
- *What SHAPES can you see in the clouds?*
- *Trace a SHAPE (circle, square, triangle, rectangle) in the air. Make it smaller. Now make it bigger.*
- *What LINES and SHAPES do you see in the room?*

We are reviewing MANY great works this unit. Search for them on-line with your student and tryout some vocabulary. Better yet, just enjoy the art!

- *Staffelsee in Autumn, Gabriele Münter*
- *Empanados/Tío Beto y Tía Paz, Carmen Lomas Garza*
- *Still Life with Pomegranates, Henri Matisse*
- *The Starry Night, Vincent van Gogh*
- *The Bedroom of Arles, Vincent van Gogh*
- *Still Life: Vase with Twelve Sunflowers, Vincent van Gogh*
- *From the Plains I, Georgia O'Keefe*
- *Castle and Sun, Paul Klee*
- *Pot of Flowers and Pears, Paul Cézanne*
- *Little Girl in Orange, William H. Johnson*
- *Child with Dove, Pablo Picasso*
- *South Wind and Clear Sky, Katsushika Hokusai Circus, Lois Ehlert*
- *The Family of Charles IV, Francisco José de Goya y Lucientes*
- *Penny-Farthing Race, Ben Gibson*

Still needed :

- *Animal costumes (Great's Costumes in Renton has some super neat - inexpensive - masks & snouts! Check out Michael's Crafts for animal headbands/Halloween stuff!)*
- *Fabric for robes*
- *Magazines (nature, animals)*
- *Wallpaper*
- *Newspapers*
- *Styrofoam egg cartons*
- *Old CDs*
- *Volunteers to sew simple costumes*

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