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*CREATIVE ARTS WITH MRS. LEDWON  
Middle School*

*Your child is learning about the use of line, shape, and color in art, and is making original artworks using those basic art elements. The theme of this unit is "The Artist's Eye." In the unit, your child will learn some of the ways in which artists record their views of the world. When we view the world, we always recognize God's great power. He is our greatest artist, creating the details in the veins of the leaf, and the grand, stark lines in the forest.*

*Here are vocabulary terms and concepts your child will be learning about in this unit.*

**Gesture drawing**  
**geometric shapes**  
**Composition**  
**Expressive qualities**  
**Monochromatic**  
**Analogous colors**  
**Complementary colors**  
**Photomontage**  
**Hue**  
**Pop Art**

**Contour lines**  
**Organic shapes**  
**Abstract art**  
**Nonobjective**  
**Value**  
**Photorealistic**  
**Representational**  
**Surrealism**  
**Saturation**

**Try This!** Share books that show photography, both black-and-white and color. Talk with your child about how artists, including photographers, make choices about color, subject, and composition.

**Color Drawing:** Encourage your child to think about familiar objects in new ways. Have your child use lines and shapes to draw an object – such as a shoe, a chair, or a clock – and then add surprising, unexpected colors to the drawing.

### **Art Puzzlers**

- Draw an animal using only **geometric shapes**.
- Cut a one-inch square out of a small piece of paper. Use this viewfinder to find interesting **compositions** around you.
- Choose a **color scheme** for a team uniform. Explain your choice.
- Plan a classroom **photomontage**. What images would you use?
- Cut out pictures of objects from a magazine and arrange them into a **Pop Art** collage.

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!

- *Chanteuse Melancolique, Joan Miró*
- *The Boats of Martigues, Raoul Dufy*
- *Swans, M.C. Escher*
- *Claude Monet and His Wife in His Floating Studio, Edouard Manet*
- *The Basket of Apples, Paul Cézanne*
- *Dropped Bowl with Scattered Slices and Peels, Claes Oldenburg*
- *Don Quixote, Pablo Picasso*
- *The Black Prince, Paul Klee*
- *Arrangement II, Gil Meyers*
- *Monopoly, Diana Ong*
- *Moses in the Bullrushes, Henry O. Tanner*
- *Galveston, Ralph White*
- *Bouquet of Flowers, Louis Valtat*
- *White Rose System, John Baeder*
- *Green Glass from Alexis, Janet Fish*
- *The Blue Man, Andre Rouillard*
- *Campbell's Soup Cans, Andy Warhol*

*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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