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*CREATIVE ARTS WITH MRS. LEDWON
2nd and 3rd 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 "Celebrate Our World." We celebrate God in art, as He has created all the art around us!

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

Lines
Movement
Free-form shapes
Portrait

outline
geometric shapes
organic shapes
Self-portrait

Try This! Share a picture book with your child that shows clear lines and shapes, such as books by Dr. Seuss or Lois Ehlert. Talk with your child about the kinds of lines and shapes he or she sees in the art.

Sketchbook: Encourage your child to sketch the lines and shapes of things he or she observes indoors, such as furniture, and outdoors, such as trees and leaves. Help your child write labels for information he or she wants to record.

Art Puzzlers

- *Draw in the air the lines that lightning makes. Tell about the lines.*
- *Look around. Which things have lines that show movement?*
- *Use your finger to trace and outline around your shoe and then around your hand.*
- *Look at clothing. Look outside. Find geometric, free-form, and organic shapes.*
- *What geometric shape is pizza? Name some other foods that have geometric shapes.*

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!

- *Colombe avec Fleurs (Dove with Flowers), Pablo Picasso*
- *Hand with Flowers, Pablo Picasso*
- *Three Musicians, Pablo Picasso*
- *The Enameled Casserole, Pablo Picasso*
- *People and Dog in Front of the Sun, Joan Miro*
- *Fall Plowing, Grant Wood*
- *Mona Lisa, Leonardo da Vinci*
- *Autumn, Grandma Moses*
- *Max Found Two Sticks, Brian Pinkney*
- *The Banks of the Bièvre Near Bicêtre, Henri Rousseau*
- *La Piñata, Diego Rivera*
- *Desserts, Wayne Thiebaud*
- *The Horse, the Rider, and the Clown, Henri Matisse*
- *My Family Before I Was Born, Luis Jaso*

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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