Dear Parents,

In art class the fourth grade students have finished working on their self-portraits. The students accomplished this task by looking closely into a mirror and drawing with a continuous contour line. Artists were asked to not look at their paper as they worked and not to lift their pencils from the paper. It was very exciting and fun to share the creative self-portraits afterwards with other classmates. This is a subject that is fun to explore because the students sharpen their skills of observation and explore their individuality.

The students will now begin a relief printmaking project. We will explore the work of Vincent Van Gogh and the patterned, expressive lines used in his landscape paintings. The students will learn about the process of printmaking as they create their own Van Gogh inspired landscapes using stamps made with a gouge tool and a rubber mat. The students love working and exploring with new tools and materials.

Look for our prints as they are hung outside of the art room.

Art Specialist
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