

# STEAM FEBUARY NEWSLETTER

This month's letter is A for Art.

Happy February, TLJA Families,

This month, all grades will be focusing on the letter A in STEAM. This month, we will focus primarily on creating art inspired by black artists that reflects love and gratitude, in celebration of Valentine's Day and black history month. Through their artwork, students can express feelings of appreciation, kindness, and affection, turning their emotions into meaningful and visual representations that can be shared with others.

Ms. Bennett

## Kindergarten

This month in art, our kindergarten students explored Alma Thomas's abstract artwork by creating their own colorful, patterned paintings. Using bright shapes and lines, students expressed creativity while learning about patterns, colors, and how Alma Thomas used art to celebrate nature and joy.

## First

This month, our first graders will create Faith Ringgold-inspired mini story quilts. Using colorful paper squares, students illustrated parts of their own stories or favorite memories, learning how art can be a fun way to tell personal stories and celebrate creativity.

## Second

This month, our second graders explored Romero Britto-inspired Pop Art by creating their own bright, cheerful paintings filled with bold shapes and patterns. Students practiced using vibrant colors and fun designs while learning how Britto's art spreads joy and celebrates life through playful, eye-catching visuals.

## Third

This month, our third graders explored Howardena Pindell-inspired texture and pattern art. Students created mixed-media pieces using materials like paper, string, and foil to experiment with texture and patterns, learning how Pindell uses bold designs to express creativity and make art come alive.

## Fourth

Fourth graders will continue focusing on art, but more specifically, theater. Talking and performing in front of your peers can be scary. The goal of this project is to build their confidence in public speaking.

## Fifth

This month, our fifth graders explored Jean-Michel Basquiat-inspired symbol paintings. Students used bright colors, shapes, and personal symbols to create unique abstract artworks that express their ideas, interests, and creativity, just like Basquiat did in his bold and energetic art.

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