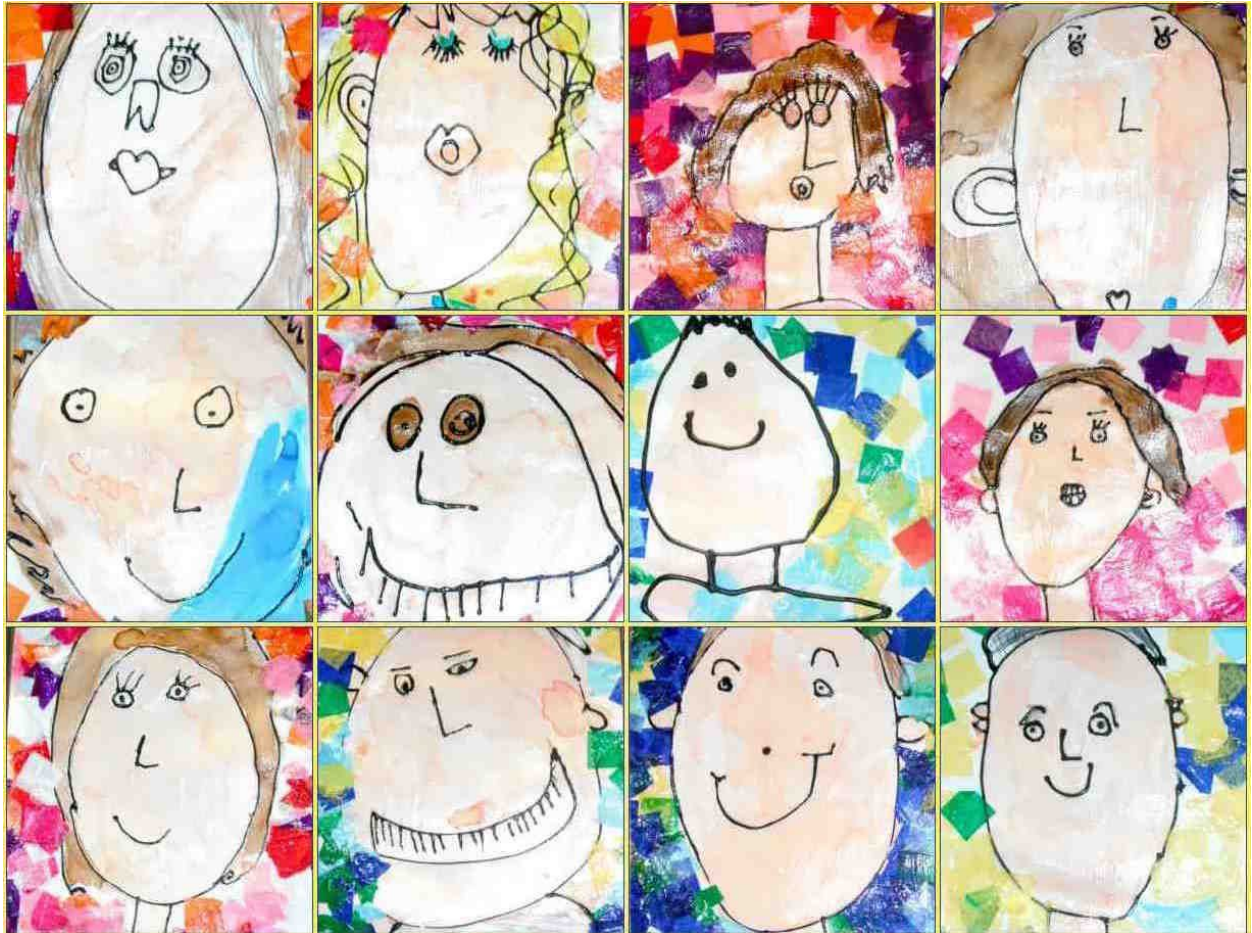


Self-Portrait Unit

Kindergarten



The K's are starting out the school year learning about self portraits in art. We will be looking at other self portraits and learning how to first observe what is in a portrait before working on making our own. We will also work on creating portraits that show emotions. These portraits will be on display at ACS to share our artwork with the school community so that others can get to know the new faces at school. This unit will follow the Colorado State Standards in the Visual Arts. They are outlined for you below. Please read them to become familiar with what your child is learning about in the visual arts classroom.

Colorado State Visual Arts Standards K-12

1. Observe and Learn to Comprehend
2. Envision and Critique to Reflect
3. Invent and Discover to Create
4. Relate and Connect to Transfer

The Colorado State Standards in the Visual Arts contain the 4 standards in the table above for grades K-12. They become increasingly more detailed and advanced as students develop and grow from one grade to the next.

Standard 1 for K's is about looking at artworks and learning that feelings are expressed in works of art. Students describe what a piece of artwork is about based on these feelings. It is also learning that "I" can express my feelings through works of art.

Standard 2 for K's is about looking at artwork and understanding that through an image a story is being told. K's can express what this story is from looking at the image.

Standard 3 for K's is about creating artwork. K's can create both 2D and 3D pieces of artwork that have a personal connection. While creating artwork students learn various art techniques and processes based on grade level skills.

Standard 4 for K's is about creating artwork for the community. It is about sharing art that one makes with others. The community can be the class, school or larger community.

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