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The Johnson Journal

Ms. Johnson's First Grade

Bonny Slope Elementary

Art Literacy

In November, our class was able to complete their second Art Literacy lesson. The focus was on the art of the Greek - born, yet Spanish-raised, artist **El Greco**. El Greco excelled at creating absurd art from what would otherwise be viewed as contemporary paintings at the time (the late 15th to early 16th century).

The students had fun making "absurd" faces in class and transforming otherwise 'normal' portraits into ones that utilized El Greco's Absurdism and Mannerism styles. Our class' artwork was chosen to be featured in the Art Lit display area in the main hallway of the school!

A special THANK YOU to all of the parents who helped us enjoy another great Art Literacy experience! See picture below and look for those to come home after the Winter Break.



First Grade Units of Study

READING: Continuing to reflect on our reading and being focused on the word detective strategies we are currently using and ones we need to try to be more successful readers.

WRITING: Moving through our Illustration Study. Students have been looking at mentor texts for ways the illustrators use techniques like lines to show motion and zooming in/bird's eye view to show different perspectives of the scene.

MATH: Finishing a Double-Decker Bus math unit that had us moving "passengers" (red and white beads in groups of 5) on the upper and lower levels of our individual math racks to work on adding and subtracting up to 20.

PYP: Getting ready to launch into our third PYP Unit "*How We Express Ourselves*". This unit connects directly with what we are studying in writing and allows us to look in-depth at mentor texts to explore what makes a great personal narrative.



Save the Date!

HOLIDAY PARTY

December 20
12:15-1:15

Lots of fun
activities planned!

WINTER BREAK

December 23 -
January 3

Enjoy time with
family and friends
this holiday season!

SCHOOL RESUMES

January 6, 2020

We're back on
Monday – rested
and ready to learn!