

Art Newsletter March 2021

First graders learned about the continent of Africa. We talked about how some of the people live in cities while other live in small villages, explored the diverse traditions, talked about the different animals, climates and colorful clothing. Students modeled their folk-art piece after looking at artwork from Martin Bulinya, who was born and raised in Kenya.



Third graders explored different types of birds that stick around during Wisconsin winters. They used oil pastels and watercolor to create a close-up winter scene by activating the edges of the paper with branches and using cold colors in the background.



Fifth grade students are in the process of finishing up their paper sculpture unit. One of the projects was based off the art style of, French painter and sculptor, Jean Dubuffet. Students used organic shapes, lines and color to build an abstract sculpture. The other project was inspired by sculpture artist Alexander Calder, who created a famous metal sculpture in Chicago Illinois titled *The Flamingo*. Students designed a cityscape planform and added a cut paper sculpture in front of it.

