



## POLARIS K-5 EXHIBITION

## GRADE 2-3: BRITTANY'S CLASS

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-9:30AM

Polaris Expeditionary Learning School

1905 Orchard Place, Fort Collins, CO, 80521





## Lessons



## Lesson 1: Personal Stamps

In this project, the students created stamps of a personal symbol that reflected their identity (such as a favorite animal, a plant, an imaginary creature, etc.). Students carved, inked and printed their stamps to learn about printmaking.

**Comprehend:** How line, texture, shape, and positive/negative space impact their design.

**Create:** Using carving tools safely when making marks in their stamp and applying ink with a brayer.

**Transfer:** Making multiple prints, either as a brick pattern or as a multi-layered image.

**Reflect:** How texture and repetition in their design express their artistic identity.



Lesson 2: Partner
Portraits Quilt

In this project, the students were partnered up and learned how to draw each other's faces using watercolor and black marker.

When they were finished, they wove the images together using pipe cleaners to make a giant class quilt, inspired by Faith Ringgold.

**Reflect:** How to use mixed media in a portrait.

**Comprehend:** Drawing their partner's face from life.

**Create:** Using warm and cool colors to capture their partner's personality.

**Transfer:** Compare and contrast how identity is expressed in multiple images vs. a single one.



Lesson 3: Pipe
Cleaner Zoo

In this project, the students made pipe cleaner sculptures of real and imaginary animals that represented their personalities, such as penguins, lions, and unicorns. They worked together to think of what kinds of zoo environments they wanted their creatures to be in.

**Comprehend:** How to use gesture drawings of animals to plan for 3-D wire sculptures.

**Reflect:** Discussing how gesture and color scheme express their animals' personality.

**Create:** Building a skeletal structure for their creatures that makes it stand on its own.

**Transfer:** Placing the animal in a zoo environment for the show.