

November 2nd – November 13th 2009

Over the next two weeks we will be introducing your student to three reoccurring weekly activities that you can look for throughout the school year. It can be a real joy to hold onto the finished product as they come home early in the year, and look at them again compared to their work near the end of the year...What great progress!

- **Drawing Lesson** – a favorite among the students that takes focus and visual/auditory listening skills. Students copy the teacher, stroke for stroke as they draw an unknown object. As they draw closer to the finished item the students begin to guess what they have been drawing – sometimes it is obvious, other times it is not. In the end they label it with its name.
- **Weekend Update** – a writing activity that can be completed by a child at any level, from a proficient writer to a young child that is just beginning to use a pencil. Students are asked to think about what they did over the weekend (this activity is usually done on a Monday), and then illustrate a picture of it. Maybe they went on a bike ride, or to the zoo, or to a friend's house. Below the picture they describe the activity they did using keywords or sentences.
- **My Most Unique Drawing** – a brand new lesson this year in which students get a plain paper with only a few items, shapes, or lines on it...which they must incorporate in their own unique picture. Two pre-drawn circles may end up as a race car or possibly a tube filled with candy, or something else! This activity helps spark their imagination and when the students show their classmates their finished picture, they will be amazed at their peer's ability to use the shapes in their own unique way!

Autumn is here!

Look for these Fall art projects coming home soon!



Leaf Rubbings

Pumpkin Seed Poem

Painted-bag Jack-'o-lantern

A Ghostly Scene

We also wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the parent volunteers who helped with transportation and accompanied us to this year's field trip to the pumpkin patch! **"Thank you!"**