



Sherrard & Winola  
Elementary  
**Art**  
NEWSLETTER




group of Matherville art students have submitted a design for the Village in Bloom Art Festival, held in the spring in the Village of East Davenport. I am directing

this after-school activity in my Sherrard classroom.

Keep an eye on the district Facebook page for future updates on our progress.

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## What are we working on?

**Kindergarten:** Winter is here. Some birds have flown south but not the birds we are making in kindergarten. The kids are learning about winter birds and making chickadees, cardinals, and owls. Construction paper, scissors, glue, and paint are the materials we are using.

**Grade 1:** Students completed creating a scene from



the popular YouTube video *The Duck Song* and created their ducks

by mixing primary colors to make different **values** of secondary colors. We will continue our discovery value and learn about artist Winslow Homer while making a Sailboat collage.

Next, we will discuss fairy tales and folk tales with a lesson on Puppets that concludes with a puppet show. This unit continues with a Native American folk tale and creating Ravens in the style of Batik art making.

**Grade 2:** Students will learn about the Greek myth of Daedalus & Icarus through the artwork of artist Henri Matisse. They will create their own Matisse inspired work, followed by a West African folk tale, *Zomo the Rabbit*, and a mixed media painting inspired by the book and style of West African art.

**Grade 3:** We discuss the significance of “selfies”



and how artists like Rembrandt mastered the art of portraits. Students will learn the importance of using **proportion** to create their own self portrait.

We will follow this up with another self potrait, using their imagination to create a Sci-Fi Selfie.

**Grade 4:** Students are completing a unit on **radial balance**, finishing a colorful design that includes a hidden message. Afterwards, they will be introduced to pop artist Claes Oldenburg and the use of **scale** in the creation of a backyard scene through the viewpoint of an insect.