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Hello Everyone!

This quarter your children will be finishing up their clay creations (silly snow days) and begin their cut paper collage units!

Once collage units are finished, the students will finally get their chance to glaze (or paint) their clay projects. Please remind your students if they ask, clay projects take about 2 months to fire in the kiln.

### **Kindergarten**

**Paper Weaving:** Students will begin their investigation of paper weavings using 1” strips of paper to create a “tabby” or checkerboard patterned weaving.

**Collage:** Kindergarten students will create fantasy worlds out of paper. They will build their own sky and ground and from there add their own details to complete the fantasy design.

### **1st Grade**

**Paper Weaving:** Students will create a paper weaving using 1” strips. The weaving will be a “tabby” or checkerboard patterned weaving. The students will use colored paper strips to represent their family members. The colors could be a favorite color, a color that represents the family member’s personality or even a color the family member often wears.

**Collage:** 1st grade students will create 3D cut paper houses. They will learn various techniques on how to create both 2D and 3D elements for their imaginary house.

### **2nd Grade**

**Paper Weaving:** Students will create a paper weaving using 1” strips of paper to create a “tabby” or checkerboard patterned weaving. This year, their weavings will simplify a landscape. This weaving will get them ready for their end-of-year yarn weaving!

**Collage:** 2nd grade students will work to create a cut paper collage that represents how they are community leaders or helpers. The collage will depict themselves and how they help in their community; they will do this through key details about their responsibilities and settings.

### **3rd Grade**

**Collage:** 3rd grade students will create a cut paper collage that represents a meal during a special family celebration. The celebration can be a holiday, a birthday or even a special event that involves food! If you haven’t had a family meal in a while, talk with your children about some of your favorites!

#### **4th Grade**

**Collage:** These students won't actually be doing a cut paper collage just yet. They will continue to learn about the proportions of a person by studying and recreating their own gesture drawings. Once this unit is complete, they will create their own wire sculpture that can be bent and manipulated as their own model.

#### **5th Grade**

**Collage:** 5th grade students will work to create their very own 3D cut paper hat. The hat will include their name on the bill, two culturally important patterns and four different stories from their lives. These on the back panels of the hat will represent a different story or event from their lives. Try asking your student and see what sticks out to them! Some may even get new ideas from the stories they'd like to include.

**Where's all your children's artwork?** That's a great question! We keep their artwork safely here at school until after Spring Break, when we have our school wide Art Show! Look for more information on this next newsletter! Our Art Show will be held on April 25th, 2024 after school from 6-7:30pm. Families will be welcomed into the school to experience the work your children have been completing throughout the school year.

Our MCPS Art Show will be held May 6-12th at the Montgomery County Fairfield Mall. Select students' artwork will be displayed during this event.

**Interested in Volunteering?** We can always use help prepping paper in various sizes and cutting burlap to get ready for the end of the year textile units. If you are interested in volunteering please contact me at [jennifer\\_a\\_martinelli@mcpsmd.org](mailto:jennifer_a_martinelli@mcpsmd.org).

Thanks so much for reading!

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