



Artwork by TMS 6th grader, Camyllia Okyers

Tolland Middle School 6th Grade Art Students Connect with Nature

In early October, our TMS 6th graders completed a remote art project that gave them the opportunity to connect with nature in a beautiful way. They were posed with the lesson's guiding question: How can I combine shape, color, and texture- three of the Elements of Art- with natural materials to create a work of art?

We took inspiration and advice from Montreal, Canada-based artist, Raku Inoue, who uses natural materials such as flower petals, tree bark, palm fronds, and pine cones to compose images of animals in his art. And his advice is simply not to over-think it; just create in a natural way.

A few trips outdoors and lots of lessons in close-up photography, composition, color enhancing, image cropping and properly presenting your artwork into Google Classroom led to some really amazing results. These young artists have the natural knack!

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Aubrey Peters 9/2020



Grace Vaites 9/2020



Sophia Ash 9/2020



Chad Lincoln 9/2020



Sarah Foley 9/2020



Julia Cofield 9/2020



Ember Kober 9/2020



Ava Sapere 9/2020



Marissa Donath 9/2020



Joshua Persaud 9/2020



Julia Nowicki 9/2020



Brady McCann 9/2020



Rebecca Langlais 9/2020



Shaelyn Bojarski 9/2020



Chrystalla Constantinou 9/2020



Levi Maloney-Hastillo 9/2020



Colin Ostrout 9/2020



Maya Godi 9/2020



John Costello 9/2020



Colby Judson 9/2020



Hannah St. Armand 9/2020



Calvin Cordero 9/2020



Julianna Chojnicki 9/2020