

# PS 34 Art

Welcome to art in 2022! Here is what we have been working on in art in January and what we will be working on in February. February is Black History Month and we are focusing on Black artists this month. It is our goal in art at PS 34 to study artists from the past and contemporary artists from diverse backgrounds, cultures and experiences all year long.

**5th graders** are completing their *Utopian Vistas*. The *Utopian Vistas* were created with pencil, colored pencil and watercolor and are truly impressive! Our next unit in 5th grade will be a portraits project. We will look at the work of Mikalene Thomas, Derrick Adams and Amy Sherald.



Mikalene Thomas, b. 1971

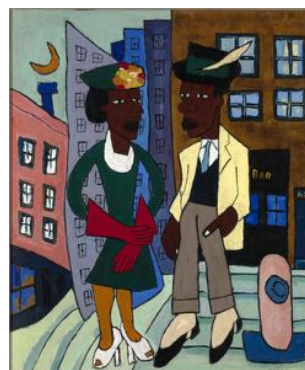


Derrick Adams, b. 1970



Amy Sherald, b. 1973

**4th graders** are creating self portraits inspired by William H. Johnson, who was part of the Harlem Renaissance. Students are using tempera paint to complete their self portraits and are learning to mix their own skin and hair tones.



William H. Johnson,  
1901-1970

# PS 34 Art

Ms. Lian's class also created a large Chinese Zodiac by creating water colors of each animal in the zodiac and cutting them out.

**3rd graders** created amazing watercolor paintings of animals in real or imaginary landscapes inspired by Henri Rousseau. Next they drew real or imaginary maps inspired by maps from the Vatican Museum. For Chinese New Year, 3rd graders created water color paintings of their Chinese Zodiac sign. Next, they will create artworks inspired by Jacob Lawrence and Romare Bearden



Henri Rousseau, 1844-1910

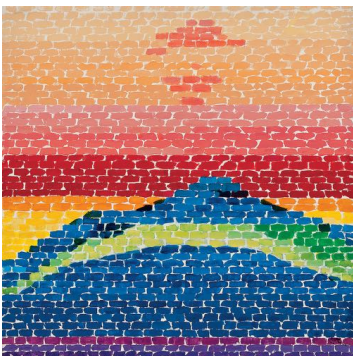


Vatican Museum Map, ~1500



Jacob Lawrence, 1917-2000

**2nd graders** created paintings inspired by Alma Thomas and Etel Adnan. For Chinese New Year, students made paintings of their Chinese Zodiac sign. Next, students will begin painting self portraits. We will look at Derrick Adams, Kehinde Wiley and William H. Johnson.



Alma Thomas, 1891-1978



Etel Adnan, 1925-2021



Kehinde Wiley, b. 1977



# PS 34 Art

## January/February 2022 NEWSLETTER

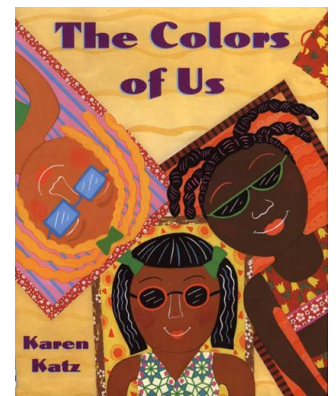
**1st grade** First graders are creating amazing portraits inspired by Kehinde Wiley. First we read, *The Colors of Us*, by Karen Katz and students drew their self portraits and used colored pencils to match their skin tones. Next students created patterns using permanent markers and water colors for the background. In first grade we also painted our Chinese Zodiac signs and create a painting of an animal with a pattern inspired by the book *Waterlife*, by Rambharos Jha. Next, we will learn about the Quilts of Gee's Bend and use collage to create our own quilts.



Kehinde Wiley, b. 1977



*Waterlife*, by Rambharos Jha



*The Colors of Us*, by Karen Katz

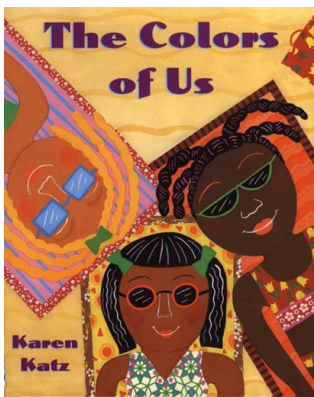


The Quilts of Gee's Bend are quilts made by black women and their ancestors in the town of Gee's Bend, Alabama. The tradition of quilt making has been passed down for generations in Gee's Bend. Gee's bend quilts are in museums around the United States and are recognizable by their geometric patterns and improvisational compositions.

# PS 34 Art

## January/February 2022 NEWSLETTER

**Kindergarten** also read *The Colors of Us*, by Karen Katz and students drew their self portraits and used colored pencils to match their skin tones. Next, Kindergarteners will use water color paint to create a drawing of their neighborhood inspired by Romare Bearden.



*The Colors of Us*, by Karen Katz

Romare Bearden, 1911-1988



Phaedra Drouillard, 4th



Trinity Jackson, 4th



# PS 34 Art

January/February 2022 NEWSLETTER



Maciej  
Zaslowski, 4th



Niko Jaycox,  
4th



Xavier Dubiel,  
4th

# PS 34 Art

January/February 2022 NEWSLETTER



Julia Nowakowski, 5th



Camila Garciatourville, 5th



# PS 34 Art

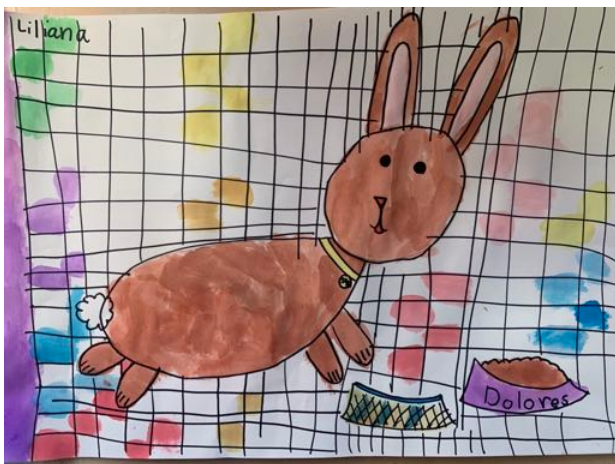
## January/February 2022 NEWSLETTER



Emek Fluk, 3rd



Elizabeth Diaz, 3rd



Liliana Piechota, 2nd



Claudia Kiluk, 3rd



Maximilian Pontonio, 1st



Colette Strittmatter, 1st



# PS 34 Art



Pola Haracz, 3rd



Emily Waxman, 3rd



Jacob Waxman, 1st



Zuzanna Janowicz, 3rd



Valeria Kopec Vazquez, 1st



# PS 34 Art



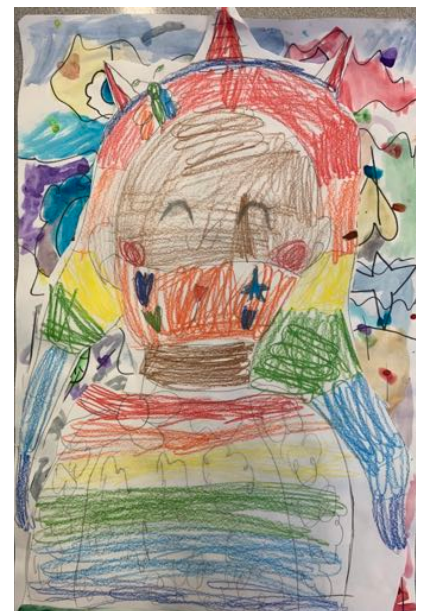
Victoria Kuras, 1st



Izabela Zalewska, 1st



Charlie Melkin, 2nd



Amelia Pilat, 1st