

Tell Me About Your Art!

Dear First Grade Families:

Today we created

LINES IN RADIAL BALANCE.

Looking: We found **radial balance** (patterns rotating around or radiating from a center point) in art: *Crossroads* by Richard Elliot, *Feathered World Without End* by Ross Palmer Beecher, or *Interior with Egyptian Curtain* by Henri Matisse.

Talking: We talked about all the places we find radial symmetry: wheels, flowers, fireworks, and more.

Making: We practiced making a radial design by first folding a circle shape (the same size as our printing plate) into **four equal quarters**. We drew the same combination of lines in each quarter so that the pattern rotated around the center point. We observed the **printmaking process**, then made prints.

We:

- 1) drew our design in radial balance on a Styrofoam plate;
- 2) transferred ink from a Plexiglass surface to our Styrofoam plate using an inked brayer;
- 3) **centered** the plate upside-down in the middle of a paper;
- 4) covered the whole set with newsprint and;
- 5) rolled over it with a clean brayer;
- and finally,
- 6) **pulled a print**.

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Together:

You could look for radial symmetry in the world around you.

Questions to ask:

Where do we see parts of radial symmetry but not the complete circle?

Organization of radial symmetry can represent specific forms in nature and the human-made world.