

Tell Me About Your Art!

Dear First Grade Families:

Today we made a

SHAPE WITHIN A SHAPE.

Looking: We looked at the paintings *Floating Villages* by Claire Cowie, or Rene Magritte's *The Surprise Answer*. We found both **geometric shapes** and **organic shapes** in the art.

Talking: We talked about how shapes and objects are combined in the art in unexpected ways that can engage our imagination.

Making: We poured water on a piece of black paper and then drew around the organic shape made by the water with oil pastel. We used oil pastels to draw a building that combines geometric shapes around the organic shape (opening). Our combination of shapes suggests that there is an unusual passageway into the building.

Art at Home

Together:

You could look at the architectural features of your home and talk about the parts of your house that are geometric.

Questions to ask:

What shapes are the windows?

What shapes are the doorways?

What shape is your home?

Are there any organic shapes in your home?

Are there organic shapes in other buildings?

Placing a shape within a shape can add greater meaning to art.