



Winter/Spring 2026

Queen Mary Elementary
Artists in Neighbourhoods
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Bookmaking/Zines

preschool +
kinders



the kinders did a great job following instructions on how to fold the zines! most got it on the first try, with a few needing a little bit of assistance or one-on-one instruction.

they made picture books about their lives at school and at home, or made each page have something they love on it

The children enthusiastically drew on their pages, with some of the kids making detailed stories for their drawings. One child drew a bridge over a lake of lava, and another drew a unicorn!

The kids were really proud of themselves when they finished colouring the front and back of their pages. One child exclaimed, "I did it!"

we were super impressed by the writing and drawing they did to make their stories come to life!



FOAM MONSTERS

preschool

The children did a great job quickly understanding how to use the double sided tape to create their monsters without much instruction! They were able to put together a variety of pieces in creative and often non-traditional monster shapes.

using double-sided tape and small parts like googly eyes helps develop fine motor skills!



STAMPING

with stencils

preschool + kinders

layering +
colour mixing
magic

the kinders liked using the acrylic paint and paper more like printmaking

one child painted all over one sheet, and then pressed another sheet of paper overtop

When the papers were pulled apart, the paint left opposite impressions

the preschoolers came up with innovative ideas for how to use the provided materials

one child, instead of using the stencils the standard way, applied paint to the stencil and used it like a stamp to create a negative space image

When asked where he learned that, he said

"I'm just a really good artist!"



STICKERS

preschool
+ kinders

The kids this week were really interested in dragons, because one of them had a dragon drawing book. Together we created a scene of a dragon, and a sword and shield to fight the dragon.

The main kid who was drawing with us wasn't confident in his drawing abilities and kept saying he couldn't draw that, but with encouragement we made a drawing together that he was happy with!



+ BOOKS

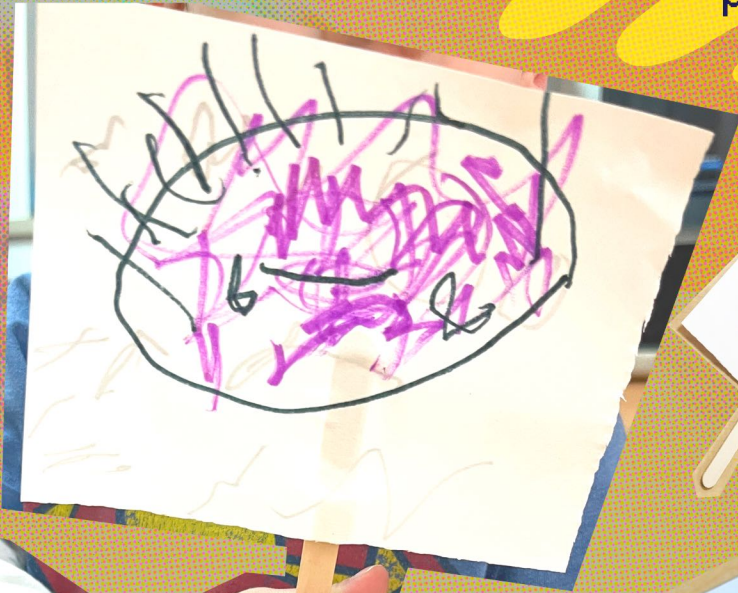
The kinders really enjoyed making sticker books, and creating stickers to put in them. One kid made a series of character stickers based off of a game called Rainbow Friends. He drew them all from memory, describing each of their unique powers to us.



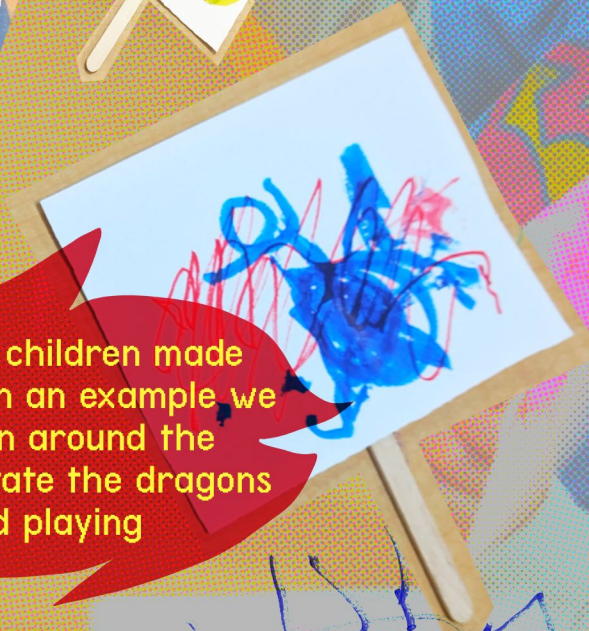
POPSICLE PUPPETS

preschool

the preschoolers loved making animals and creatures to play pretend with



a bunch of the children made dragons based on an example we made, and ran around the classroom to imitate the dragons flying and playing

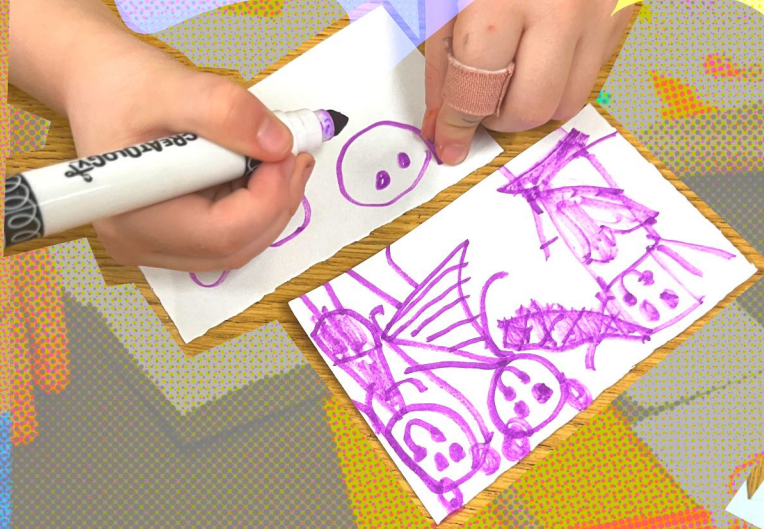


using art for **PLAY!**

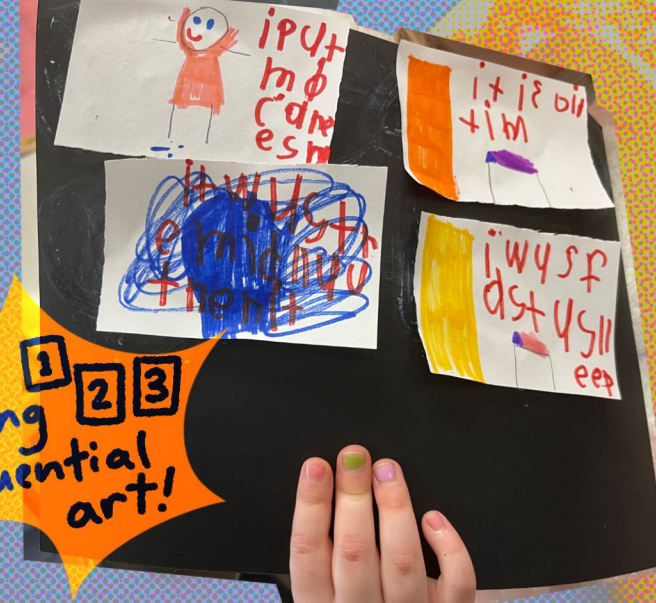
encouraging children to share their stories!

COMICS!

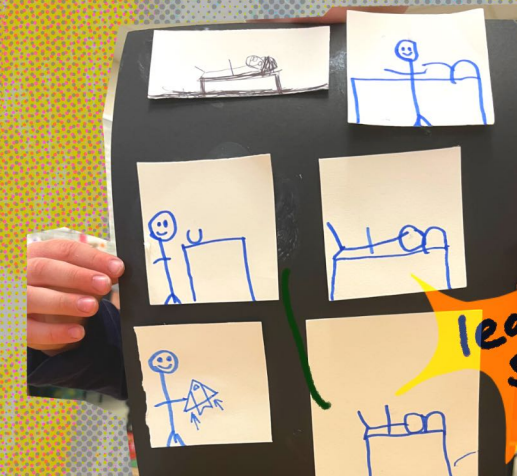
Kinders



two children collaborated on a story about themselves having pet unicorns! it was wonderful to see them come up with the story together and draw the pictures simultaneously



1 2 3 learning sequential art!



Marker
& Tape resist
preschool



Exquisite
Corpse
kinders



The preschool children
did lots of
experimenting with
the tape, masking
sections and drawing
over them for layers
of textures.

They also
learned about
how water on
markers made a
watercolour-like
look!

The "Exquisite Corpse" activity
required the kindergarten kids
to share not only art supplies,
but the artwork itself. We
were very impressed with how
they did!! There were no issues
with passing the papers along
for each kid to add to the
creature drawings. Most of the
children liked it so much they
did multiple pieces together.

Doing
collaborative
artwork like
this fosters an
environment of
combined
creativity!



WEAVING
preschool + Kinders

teaching
children very
basic sewing
skills with safe
materials!

the children were really good at putting the pipecleaners through the mesh

some of them turned their
creations into bracelets at the
end!

one child used all the materials to make very sturdy detailed dolls!

one child was really good at stitching the pieces of mesh together, and made a few little fidget toys with wooden beads inside to push around

impressive emulation!

many of the children were interested in making recreations of my googley eye ring using the materials there were so many different ones in the end that they used to play together!

learning experience
little hands = big
materials!

Bleeding Tissue



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The children all had different approaches to the bleeding tissue paper—some used lots of water, some used the paint brushes to move the colours around, some layered tissue, and some liked using the sponges to apply water.

Each child expressed their own personality in how they reacted to the materials.

The kids made multiple paintings each to experiment with the materials. They made patterns with the tissue paper and delicately sprayed water on their work to create specific effects.

Multiple children made so many pieces, they wanted to make a gallery of them at home!



PAPER QUILT

preschool + Kinders



some children did tape resist on their own by colouring over the tape and then removing it!

we did it as an activity in the past so it was great to see that they remembered and incorporated it!

weaving skills!!!



this kid loves axolotls!

the children were excited to have their art be part of a big piece, some drew their families to have it displayed on the big piece for them to see which was lovely!

For our final activity and exhibition, we displayed the quilt project we'd made together the previous week and made paper crowns to celebrate the end of the term.

All the children got to see their work displayed together, creating a beautiful mural for everyone to enjoy while we made our celebratory crowns. It was a wonderful end to the year at Queen Mary!

