

Art Making with Dawn

Arts For All

"100 Languages"

Creativity begins with Imagination. Materials is a beautiful way to explore imagination. On this activity with Huntington Park Elementary, I asked children to simply create and I have them paper bags, markers, tissue paper ghosties, some surprise elements and the directive to simply have fun!



Mask making with Huntington Park Elementary was an activity based on material exploration with the guide to create masks that reminded them of their own super skills. Truthfully it turned into creatures and things they liked but I love how each mask was so unique in composition! I also gave them lil books to draw their mask and the qualities they represented.



At the after school programs with Huntington Park Elementary, I changed the activities a lot to stimulate the older kids after a full day of school. Here I gave the oldest group of school age children the opportunity to make self portraits using paper cones, an

assortment of elements and markers. Once again I was truly impressed with the variety of art and the care they took in creating these!



The following week, I gave the kids at Huntington the opportunity to create their own pokemon that had unique powers that they could choose. They were challenged to think it over and colour it out first and then I gave them the opportunity to create sculptures from their drawings, using air dry clay! This activity was so fun and they were so excited to share their stories! The art making was one thing but the “story telling” it engaged was truly fun to be a part of.



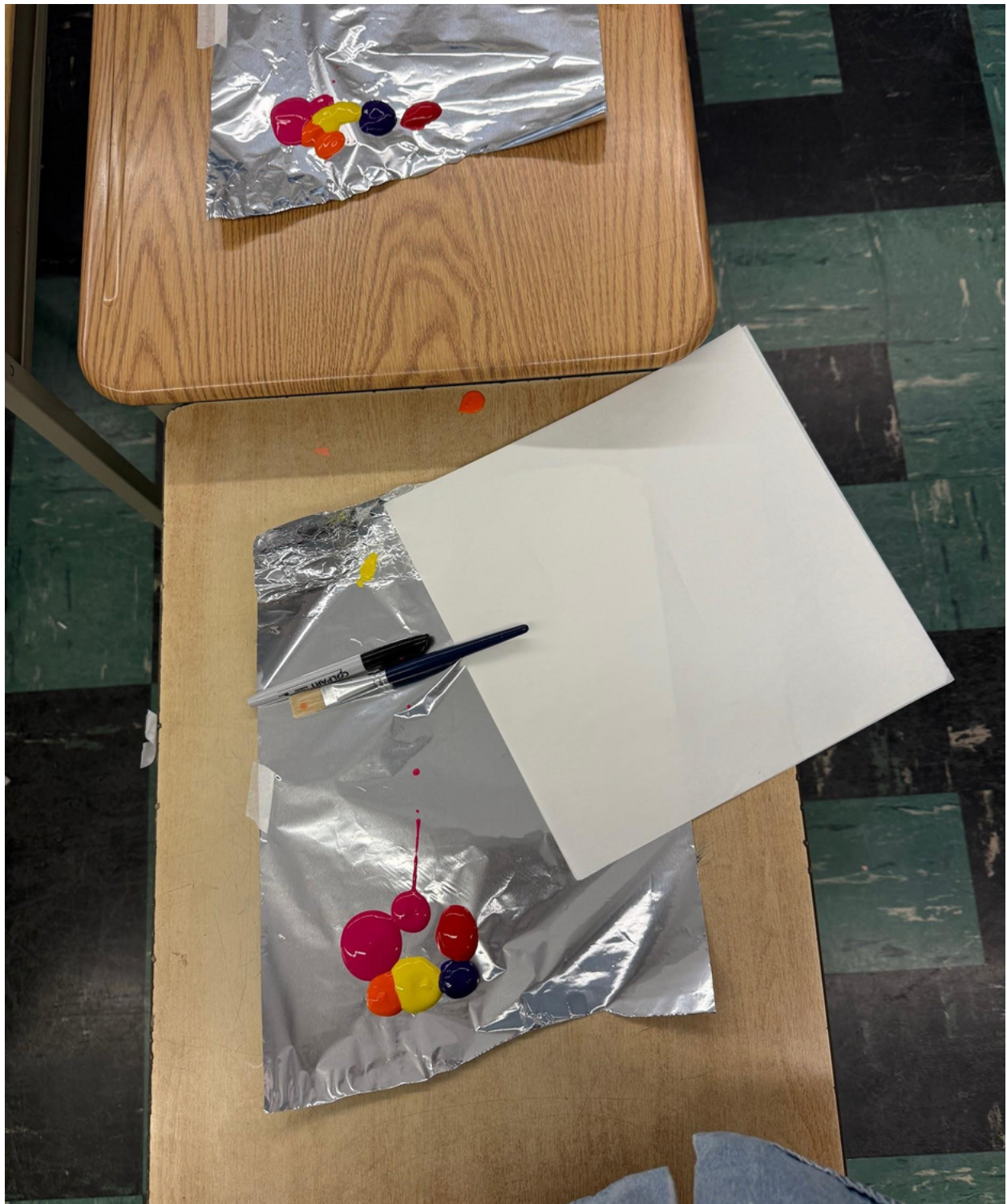




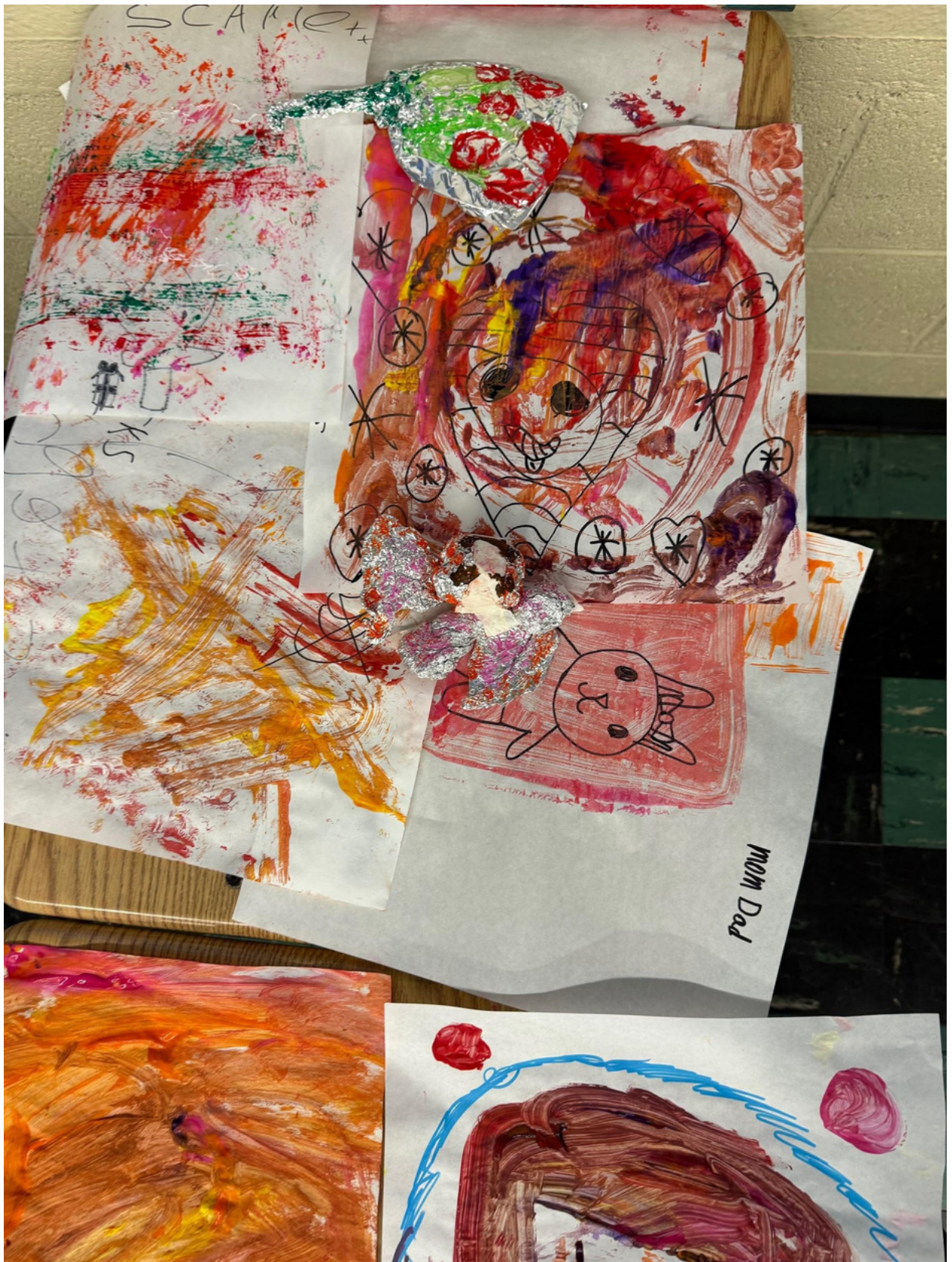




I also introduced the activity of foil printing with Huntington Park Elementary. They were so excited with this activity. I showed them 3 different ways to create foil print art and allowed them the freedom to explore. I also showed them how to make foil sculptures and they all created pretty awesome art.









Having the opportunity to plan engaging activities for different age groups was a fantastic opportunity to introduce different activities and different ways of doing them. Here instead of just doing normal rock painting, I challenged the kids at Huntington Park Elementary to create rock sculptures! The extra challenge with this activity was that they could only use tape to stick things on. I gave them allot of materials and let them create! The variety and the unique ways they put their rock sculptures together was so amazing!



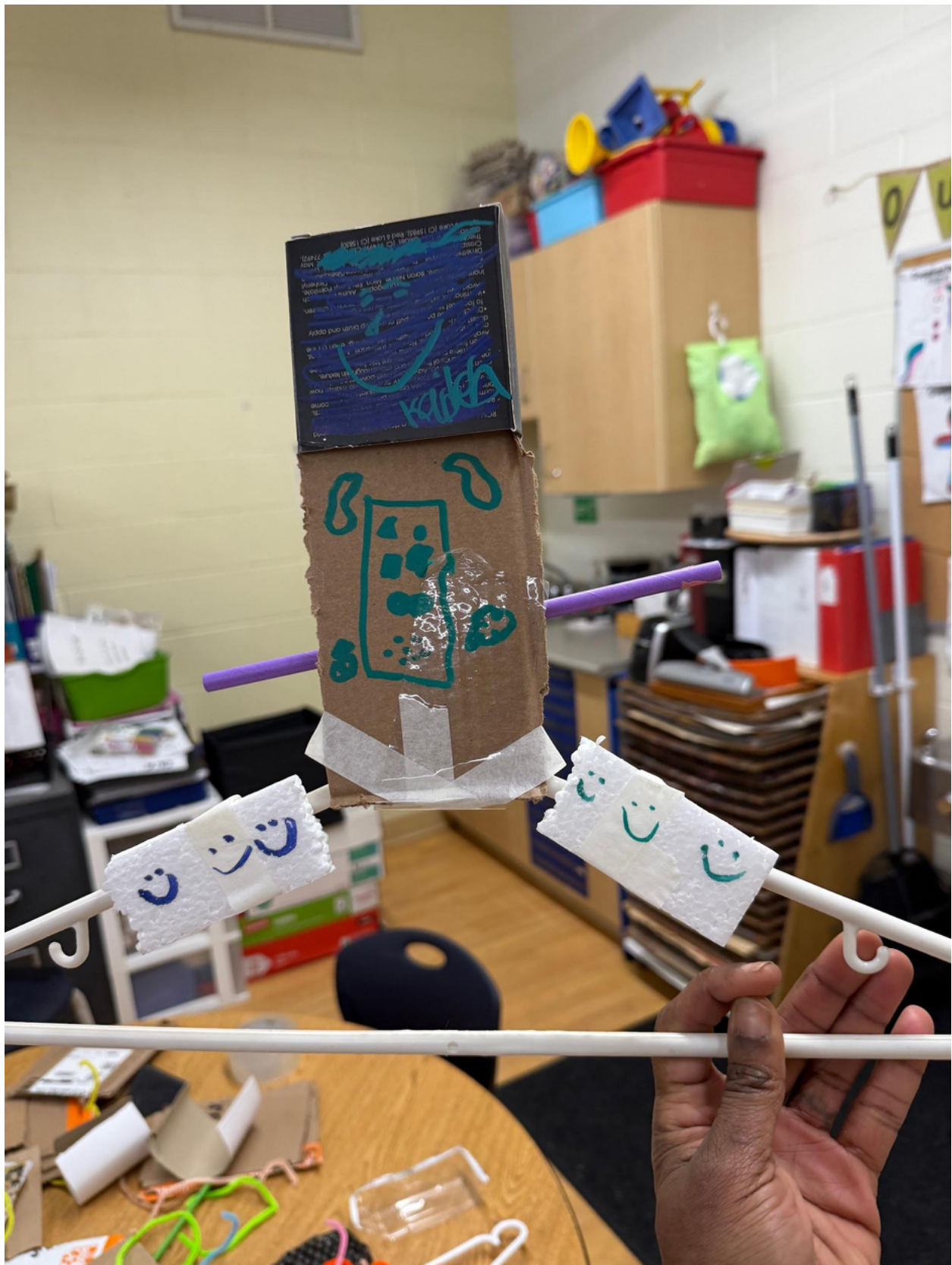


When I worked with the oldest group at Huntington Park Elementary, I really tried to create activities they would want to engage in. Here I introduced them to the thought of graffiti art and creating their own signatures(tags). We also created our own water colour paint and I gave them the opportunity to spray it on large sheets.

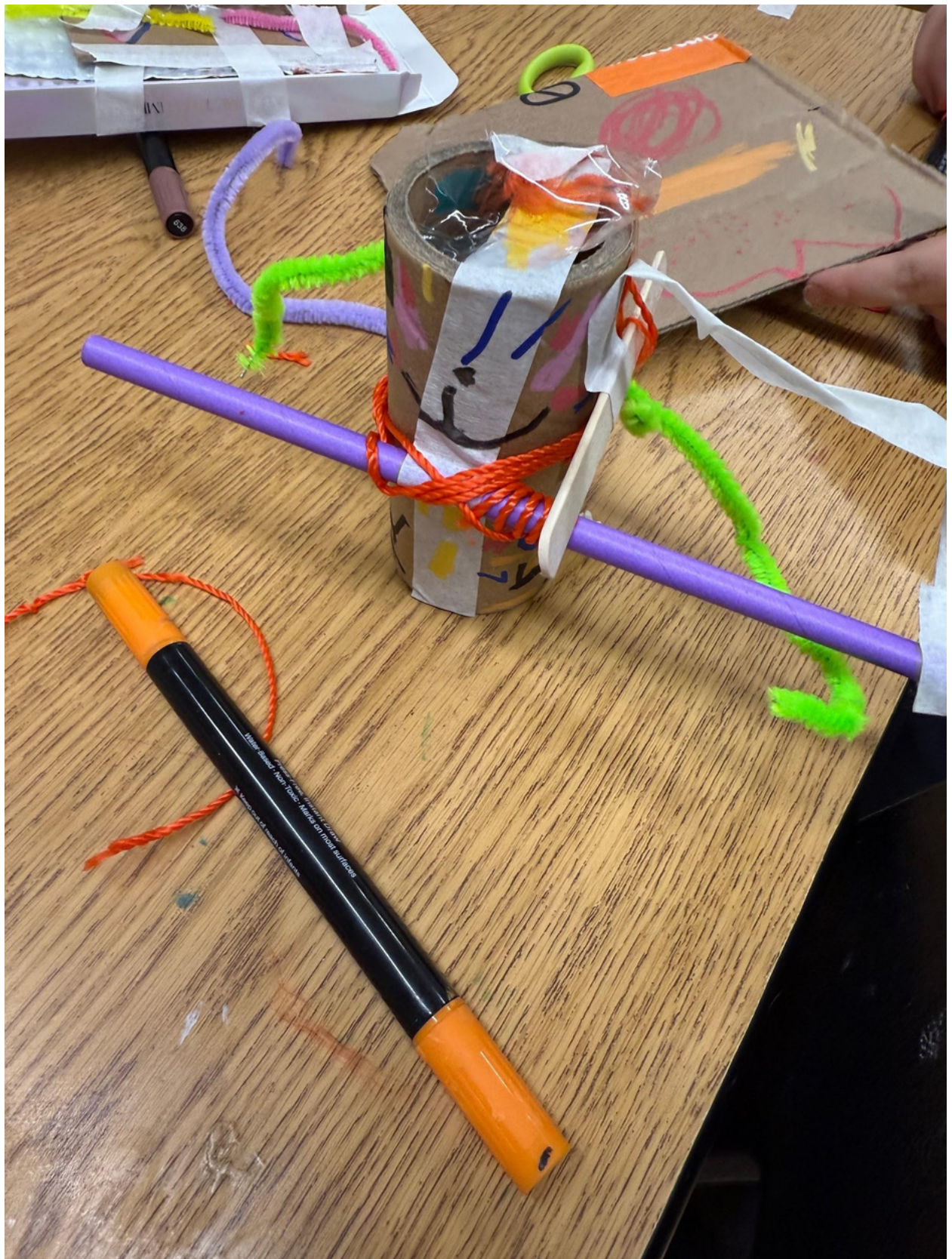


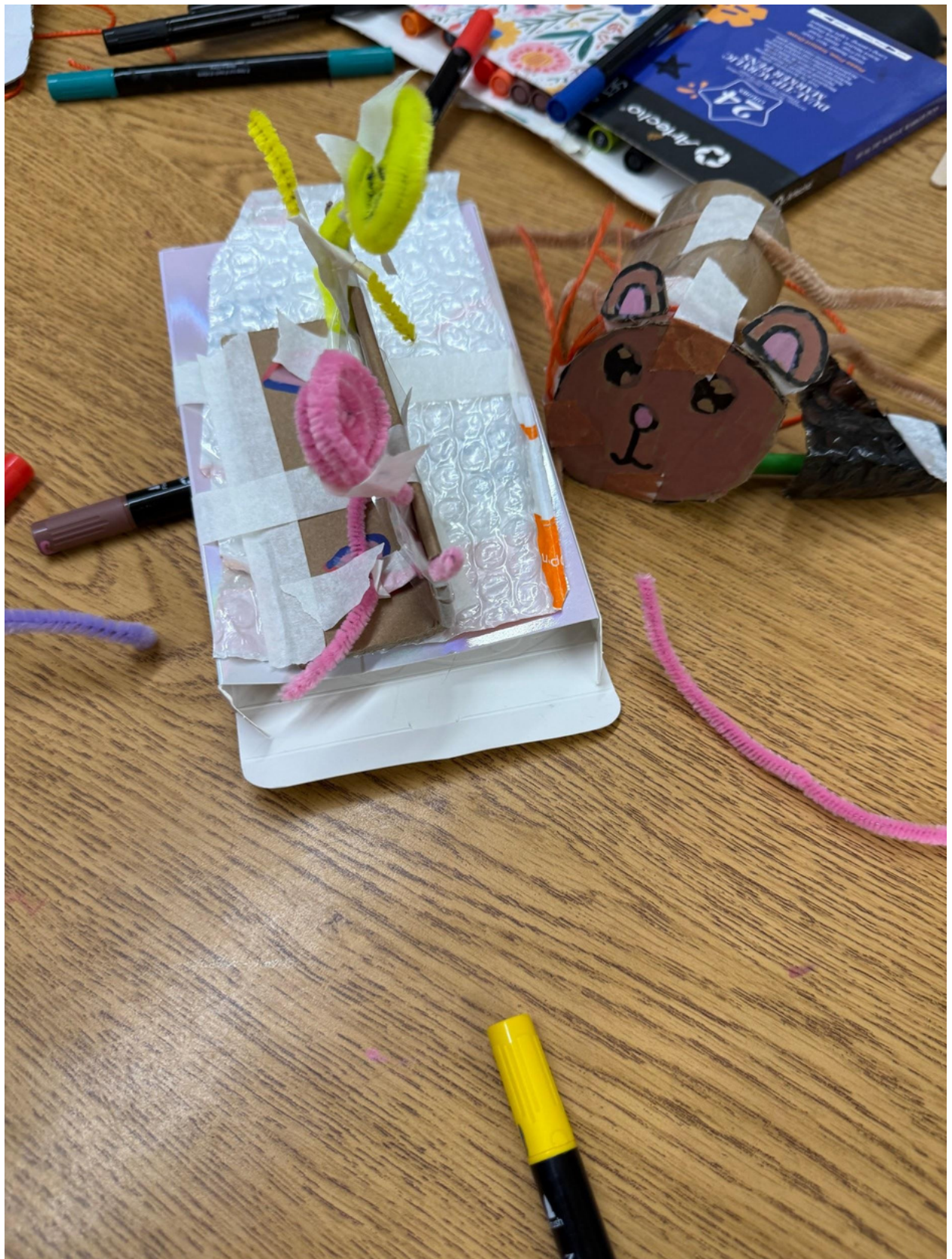
The exploration doesn't stop! Back at Huntington, I provided an assortment of recycled materials and challenged the kids to create their own upcycled robots/sculptures. Their imagination did not disappoint!







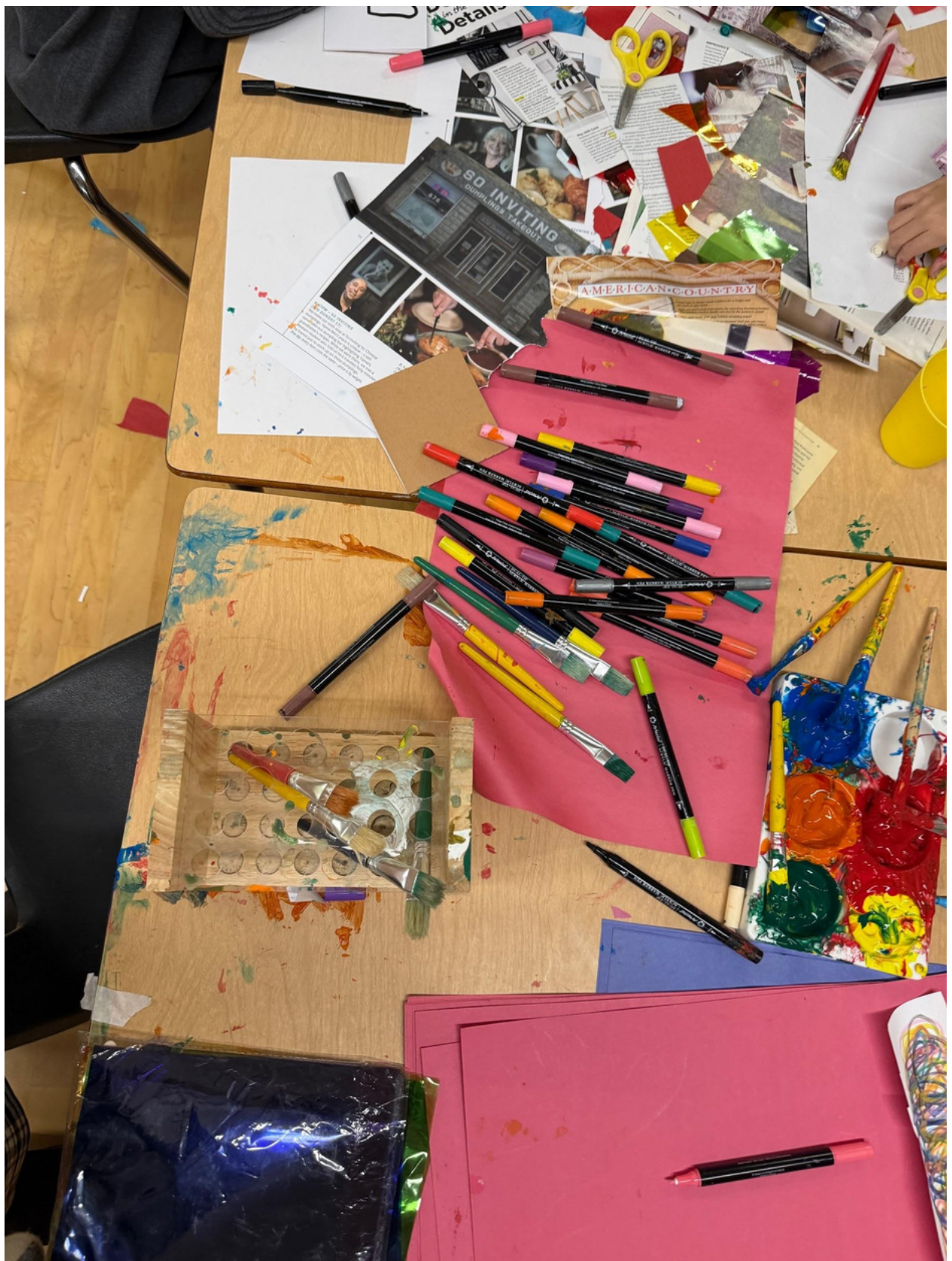


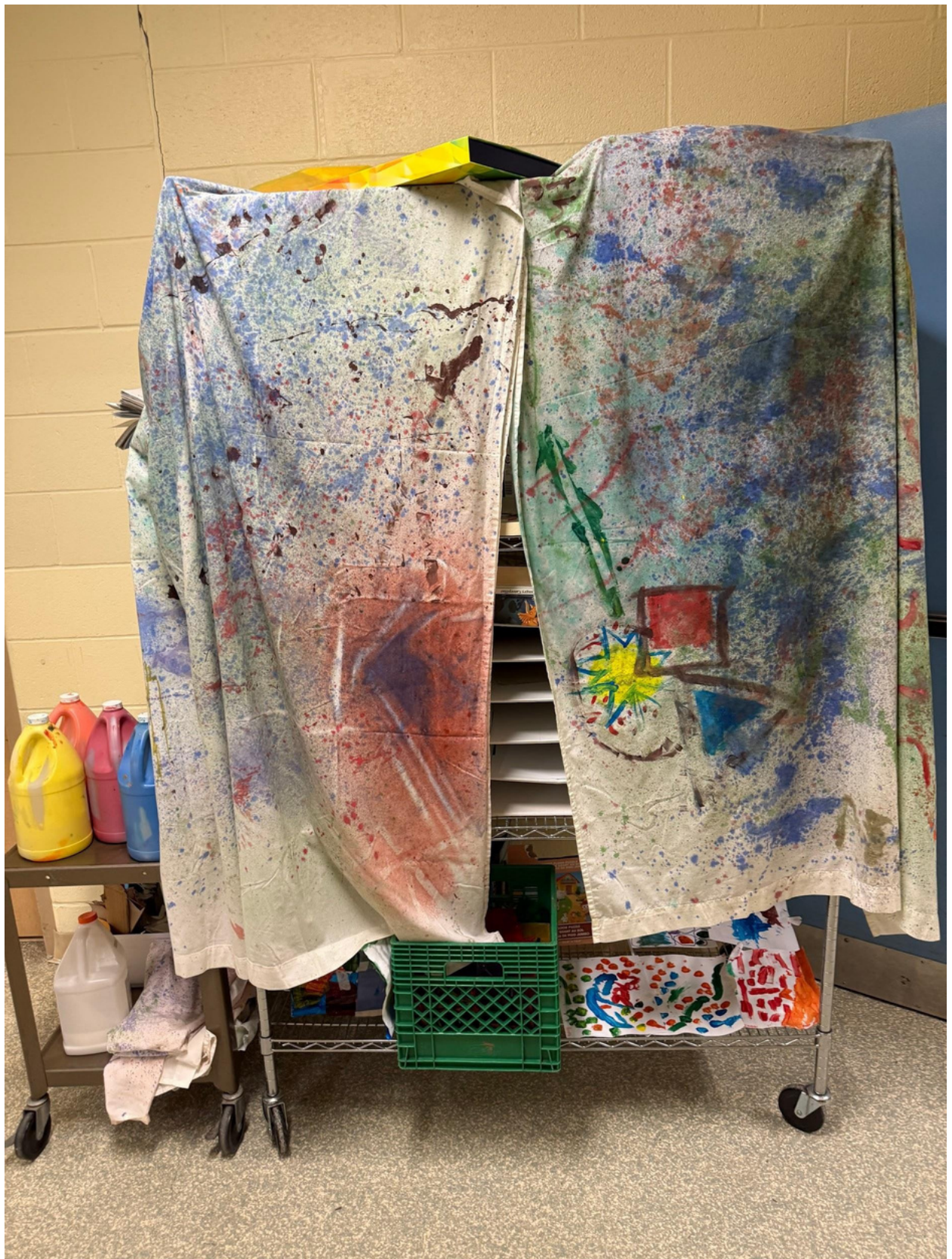


And just like that our term has come to an end. With Huntington's end of term, I set up an array of activities, from collaging, to mark making and spray bottle art for the kids to engage with. It was bit challenging to work around each station but I believe the children that were able to participate, really enjoyed it. Parents were also able to see images that had printed and placed on the wall.



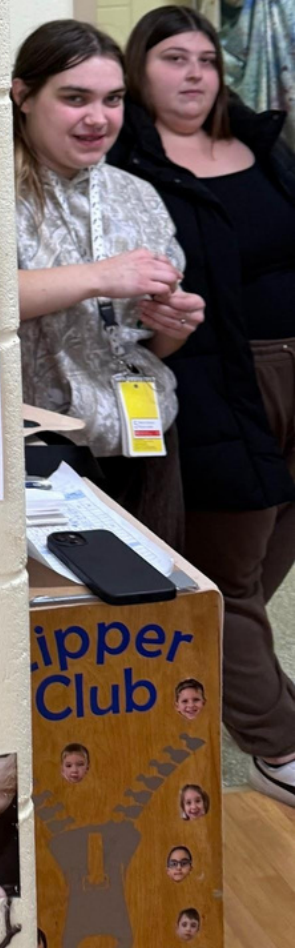
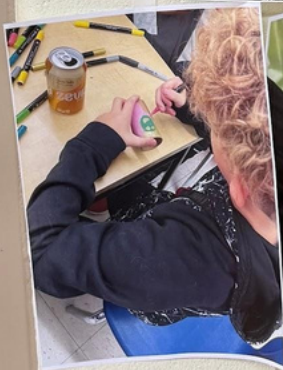
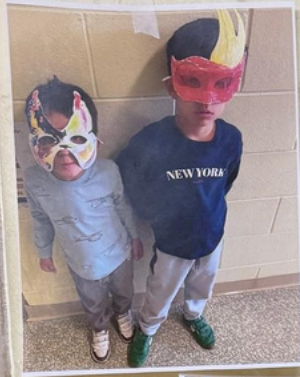












Thank you for the opportunity to share in the “100 languages” of our youth through Arts for All.

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