

Welcome to a new school year. I'm very excited to work with all the students again as well as new students. There is a lot planned this year in connection the SEL (Social Emotional Learning) and CRSE (Culturally Responsible Sustainable Education). All class are focusing on kindness to self and others as well as self-awareness and how our awareness effects the way we behave, interact and communicate with others.

This year's goal of student engagement will be grounded in the JOY of creating. **Artists are thinkers and makers** and the artists of PS133Q will explore all different kinds of materials as they create works of art that communicate who they are, how they feel, and what they think about different concepts and ideas.

All Classes:

Kindergarten through 5th grade are all beginning with a self-portrait exercise to open themselves up by getting their minds thinking and their hands moving. The self-portraits will be monochromatic (one color) and all the student work will be displayed in the auditorium. Each grade's color will correspond with the designated colors of our PS133Q Community Rainbow of Hope displayed outside on the school fence. So, we'll have a rainbow outside and inside our building rain or shine!!

Museum Information and Family Events:

The website links below are for different museum events for you to check out and explore.

Flushing Town Hall

<https://www.flushingtownhall.org/calendar>

The Whitney Museum of American Art

<https://whitney.org/education/families>

The Rubin Museum of Art

<https://rubinmuseum.org/events/exhibitions/mandala-lab>

The Metropolitan Museum of Art

<https://www.metmuseum.org/learn/workshops-and-activities>

The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)

<https://www.moma.org/calendar/>

The Queens Museum

<https://queensmuseum.org/>

The Noguchi Museum

<https://www.noguchi.org/museum/calendar/>

Art Google Classrooms:

I am in the process of setting up all the art google classrooms. Please be on the look out for emails sent to student school account of an invitation to join the art google classroom. Newsletters, announcements, virtual snow day activities and more will be posted in the art google classroom so make sure to join and check in in every month.

And remember to ask your children about school, ask questions, share experiences and explorations, be serious, be silly and enjoy each other's company as this is the base of where ideas come from and the reasons artists make art.

If there are any questions or concerns please feel free to email at kwielopolski@schools.nyc.gov or call the school to set up a meeting.