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Dear Parents,

Last month our monthly artist was Yayoi Kusama, born in 1929, so by today she is 90 years old and still an active contemporary artist. This Japanese contemporary artist works primarily in sculpture and installation, but is also active in painting, performance, film, fashion, poetry, fiction, and other arts. ... **Kusama** was inspired, however, by American Abstract Impressionism.

To introduce Kusama to children, first we showed them books with her work, then we pasted some on the wall which remain exhibited all month, we read the book in the library called Yayoi Kusama "For here to infinity" and we saw a very interesting video about the criticism of children towards pop art, specifically from an exhibition by Yayoi Kusama called: "The Dotted"

Finally we turn our art classroom into a work of Kusama setting it with red dots, each student decided where to put their dot.

To create a personalized portrait in Kusama style, each student decorated their own photo using opaline paper, paintings of different colors (free choice) and wine bottle corks.

We could not miss the famous pumpkin, so in the third class we made the Dotted Pumpkin, we observed images of some Kusama designs and each student painted their own pumpkin of the color of their choice using paint brushes and colored paints. Children use Q-tips to decorate their pumpkin with dots by choosing a contrast color.



You can see more pictures in Kusama Art Class @ Flickr <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmJBfGxb>

Children were surprised to learn that Kusama at the age she is keeps painting and does it as if she was very young, her art is full of color and surprising modernity.

"I think I will be able to, in the end, rise above the clouds and climb the stairs to Heaven, and I will look down on my beautiful life." Yayoi Kusama

Regards,
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