

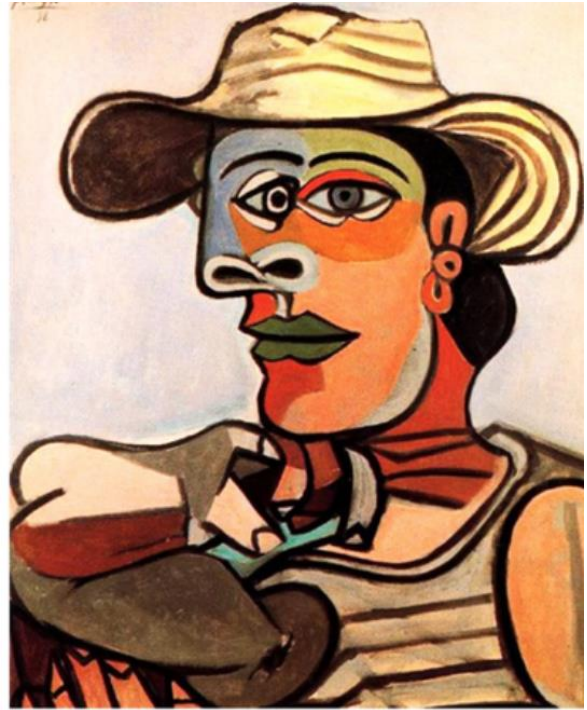
National Hispanic Month

Picasso-styled Portraits

In recognition of **National Hispanic Month**

(Sept.15 - Oct. 15), Ms. Bogolubov's **4th graders** learned about **Pablo Picasso** (1881-1973), a Spanish artist who produced over 50,000 works of art during his life.

While Picasso could paint realistically, he is most remembered for inventing **Cubism**, a style in which the face (or other subject) is painted **from multiple points of view at the same time** (see above right). Cubism was revolutionary at the beginning of the 20th century, and a way for artists to experiment and break from tradition. Picasso is also credited with inventing the collage.



PS 8 students analyzed a series of Picasso's portraits before they created their own versions of Picasso-styled cubist portraits. Students included facial features drawn like Picasso painted them (from multiple views) and collaged them together to make their portraits. A few examples from Mr. Fusco's class follow.













Xul Solar- inspired Buildings

In the second grade, PS 8 students learned about Argentine artist **Xul Solar** (1887-1963), who helped develop Argentina's avant-garde art scene. Students produced collages inspired by Solar's 1929 B.A. painting (see above right). Solar's artwork was influenced by his study of architecture, extensive travels, love of astrology, and interest in spirituality.



Second graders of Ms. Estrella's class learned about geometric shapes – squares, rectangles, triangles and circles, and used them to design buildings inspired by Solar's painting which includes the sun, moon and stars to suggest astrology. Students also learned about the concept of space in art and produced their backgrounds before layering their foregrounds with their buildings. A few examples from our second graders follow.











Macaw Parrots in Primary Colors

Kinders in Ms. Bogolubov's PS 8 classes learned about the primary colors - red, yellow and blue - and created scarlet macaw parrots in these colored tissue papers. The scarlet macaw can be found predominantly in many Hispanic countries including Mexico, and those in Central America and South America. The birds live in the rainforests and make their nests in the holes of trees. Below are student examples that are currently on display in our mini school.

