

smART is an enrichment program for all elementary students that combines **visual art concepts** with **healthy living principles**.

November's smART lesson was about INFLUENCE.

Influence means to have an effect on the character or behavior of someone. The people around you can have a huge **INFLUENCE** on your life. You should think about the people you're spending time with. Some people can influence you in a negative or bad way. They take away your happiness and energy. Surround yourself with people that are going to push you toward greatness, not people that are going to pull you down. Surround yourself with positive people that will support you and will inspire you to be a better person.

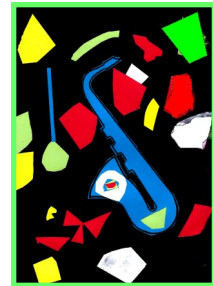
Other things that might influence you are things you listen to such as music or television programs. Some songs and television program are negative and can influence your behavior in a bad way and keep you from achieving your goals. So remember to watch and listen to positive programs, not shows about violence, smoking or drugs. Read more good books. It will make you smarter!

Artist, Romare Bearden was influenced by Jazz!. This influence shows in his art work. Although he worked in many different art media, he is most famous for his collages which were unique and innovative. They were made of colorful cut paper and fabrics glued to a background. He called his art "Visual Jazz."

Students created Romare Bearden style collages.



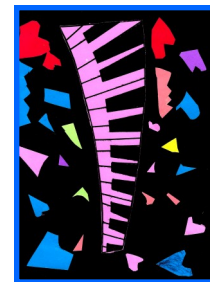
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Hawkins— 4th



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