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New School Montessori pre-primary students created their own version of the Mona Lisa and learned about her famous painter, Leonardo da Vinci. Pre-primary art teacher, Ryonen Ignatius, introduced the children to the painter, explaining his interest in helping young children to become artists and his diligence in keeping his notebook at the ready for sketching and jotting down ideas. The students loved da Vinci's backwards writing style that could only easily be read using a mirror. Whether da Vinci wrote backwards to protect his ideas from being copied or to keep his hand from sliding across wet ink (as a left hander), his work continues to intrigue and inspire all.



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