



4th-6th grade New School Montessori students create Notan-style artwork

Description

The New School Montessori 4th-6th grade students created Japanese Notan-style artwork. The students' work brought balance between light and dark elements to create harmony and beauty.

The word Notan is derived from 2 Japanese words combining *Nong* which means strong, thick or concentrated with *Dan* which means weak. As you can see from the works the students created, there is a sense of balance in the repeated image being in the opposite color on the opposite background. It brings to mind the Chinese symbol for yin and yang which embodies the philosophical concept describing opposite but interconnected forces.



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