Project conceived by artist Annie Lapin, Created by Sydney Maxwell, Age 6

“NEWSPAPER SHAPES”

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**How to present the assignment**

Gather some newspaper with text on it and some crayons. Circle every capital letter A you find on the page. Then connect all the "A"s by drawing a line to each one. Color the mage that comes out and create any animal out of it. Present your drawing to the class.

**CONNECTION**

**Common Core Standards - Kindergarten**

**Language**

1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
   a. Print many upper- and lowercase letters.
2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
   b. Write a letter or letters for most consonant and short-vowel sounds (phonemes).

**Reading - Foundational Skills, Print Concepts**

1. Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.
   a. Follow words from left to right, top to bottom, and page by page.
   b. Recognize that spoken words are represented in written language by specific sequences of letters.
   c. Understand that words are separated by spaces in print.
   d. Recognize and name all upper- and lowercase letters of the alphabet.

**Speaking and Listening**
Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
6. Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly

**Visual Arts Standards - Kindergarten**

**Artistic Perception**
- Develop perceptual skills and visual arts vocabulary
  o 1.1 - Recognize and describe simple patterns found in the environment and works of art.

**Creative Expression**
- Skills, Processes, materials, and Tools
  o 2.1 - Use lines, shapes/forms, and colors to make patterns
- Communication and Expression Through Original Works of Art
  o 2.6 Use geometric shapes/forms (circle, triangle, square) in a work of art

**Aesthetic Valuing**
- Derive Meaning
  o 4.1 Discuss their own works of art, using appropriate art vocabulary (e.g., color, shape/form, texture).
  o 4.2 Describe what is seen (including both literal and expressive content) in selected works of art.
- Make Informed Judgments
  o 4.3 Discuss how and why they made a specific work of art.
  o 4.4 Give reasons why they like a particular work of art they made, using appropriate art vocabulary.

**About the Artist**

Annie Lapin (b. 1978, Washington, D.C., lives in Los Angeles) received her BA from Yale University and MFA from UCLA. Solo exhibitions from the last few years include the Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum, Pasadena Museum of California Art, and Grand Arts, Kansas City (2008). Her work has been featured in numerous group exhibitions including Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions, Neuberger Museum of Art, SUNY Purchase, and Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, KS. Her works are included in numerous private and public collections including the High Museum of Art, Atlanta and Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art. She is represented by Honor Fraser, Los Angeles.

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