

# NFCSD Art Educators

## Grade PreK & Kindergarten

### Earth Art Self-Portrait

#### To Know:

**Self Portrait** is a fancy art-word for a picture of yourself. Many famous works of art are self-portraits that the artists makes of themselves.

**Earth art** is an art movement in which landscape and the work of art are intricately linked. It is also an art form that is created in nature, using natural materials such as soil, rock (bed rock, boulders, stones...), organic media (logs, branches, leaves...), and water. Sculptures are not placed in the landscape; rather, the landscape is altered to be the creation. Part of the fun of being an **environmental artist** is to leave a "Happy Surprise" for someone else to come along and find, like many environmental and street artists of the world do.

**Optional further study:** search the Earth Art of *Andy Goldsworthy* or the portraits of *Giuseppe Arcimboldo*, and *Jane Perkins*

**Supplies:** Stuff you can find from nature, like pebbles, sticks, grass, leaves, flowers...

**Optional Supplies:** Something to hold the items you collect; to move them to where you are creating. A cell phone to take a picture of your creation if you want a keepsake of your work.

#### To Do:

\*Take a walk in your yard, around your neighborhood, or at a park (go with a grown-up and remember to be at a safe distance, like 6 feet or more from others). Look for things that interest you (consider their *shape*, *color*, and *texture*), and find shapes that would be good for different parts of your face and head. (optional: It might be helpful to take a really good look in a mirror before you go so you can notice the shapes in your face and remember better for later.)

\*Find a good spot to create your self-portrait. At the park, your neighborhood, even on your front lawn, or somewhere around your house, wherever you think people will see it without it getting in the way.

#### Mission Accomplished:

When you've used all kinds of things you've found in nature to make a your self-portrait look just like you

