## NFCSD Art Educators

## Kindergarten & First Grade

## Imaginary Creatures Made of Shapes

Supplies: Paper and any of these: pencils, crayons, colored pencils, markers, pen or paint made for young artists.

- \* Artists use outlines to create shapes.
- \* How do you outline the shape of something?
- \* Try using your finger to trace some objects around you. You can even do it in the air. Let your eyes guide your finger to follow the edge of a shape.
- \* What kind of shapes do you see?
- \* Does the outline around your shape end at the same place it began?
- \*Draw a variety of shapes in different sizes. Try geometric shapes such as: triangles, circles, squares, rectangles, hexagons, etc. Also, try some free-form shapes that don't have names but look like things in nature like: clouds, leaves, flowers, rocks, bugs, animals, even people.
- \*Think about imaginary creatures you like in books, movies and on TV.
- \*Add details to the shapes you have drawn to transform them into imaginary creatures of your own.
- \*Remember there is no right or wrong here. Experiment and have fun!
- \*Share your creatures. What different shapes and lines did you use to create bodies, hair, eyes, mouths and fingers (if they have them). Are your creatures funny? Scary? What do they do?