Third Grade Art Project:

**This Is Me**

The following art project is a self-portrait lesson. A self-portrait is art that looks like the artist or is about the artist.

There are two options for how to do this project.

Option 1: An Actual Self-Portrait of Yourself

You are to create a self-portrait as best you can that looks like you. You can use a mirror or photograph of you as a reference to help draw yourself. Your self-portrait can be just from your shoulders up (like how school pictures are done) or you can draw your entire body. Try to include as many details that you see that helps to make your self-portrait look like you. Don’t worry if you can’t get your self-portrait to look exactly like you, just try your best and have fun.

Option 2: A Symbolic Self-Portrait of Yourself

You are to create a self-portrait that tells us who you are by using symbols or pictures that relate to you. What this means is that you draw a bunch of things together on your paper that tell us something about you. For example: if you like football, cars, dogs, pizza, and the color blue; you could draw a football, a type of car you like, a picture of a dog, a slice of pizza, and use the color blue all together in the same artwork. By doing this self-portrait people should learn something about you and your personality by looking at what symbols and pictures you put together in you artwork. Make sure the things you use are things you really like.

This art project can be created with any dry media you have. Dry mediums are: pencil, crayons, colored pencils, markers, and pen.

\* When you have finished your art share your picture with someone. See if that person can recognize what your picture is about and then explain to them that your art project is a self-portrait and what that means.