**NFCSD Art Educators**

**First Grade**

**Express Your Feelings with Lines**

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

**\* “A line is a dot that went for a walk.” Said artist, Paul Klee.**

**\*When you create a dot and continue it in any direction you are making a line.**

\*Refresh your memory about lines you know such as: straight, curved, wavy, zigzag, broken, loopy and spiral and draw them. Try short ones and long ones too. Draw them thick, thin, ragged, colorful, light and dark.

\*Look around your environment for fresh ideas. Notice everything! Look indoors and outdoors, up and down. Look at objects made by people like buildings, cars and bikes. Look closely at nature. Tree bark and branches have excellent lines.

\*Think about how different lines may make you have different feelings. Gently waving lines in the lake on a warm sunny day make you feel different than when you see zigzag lightning bolts on a stormy night.

\*Try do draw some lines that express feelings. Imagine what dancing lines would look like. Can you draw a silly line? Try angry, calm or excited.

\*Remember there is no right or wrong here. Experiment and have fun!

\*Share this experience with a family member.