

Dialectic and Upper Grammar Art -- Sketch Book Assignments

After Coop #8, Week of November 23rd and 30th:

Your In Process Assignment: Bird Portraits: Put the finishing touches on your amazing bird portrait for the January Unit Celebration (IF YOU ARE GOING TO GIVE THIS AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT.... SCAN IT AND WE'LL PRINT A COPY TO DISPLAY -and for you to keep for your portfolio!) If you don't have a scanner, I do... let me know... or they will likely do it at Office Depot or Expressions.



Your NEW Assignment:

Find a few of the last leaves, berries, crabapples, or pumpkin and use your new skills with watercolor pencils to make a (LARGE!) drawing of them.

Here is a leaf I chose. I used a 3H to sketch lightly the outline and the major veins. Remember to use your pencil to 'measure' how wide, long, far, each part is. I use the two 'red' color pencils I had and mixed them to best represent the leaf as i saw it.

I did the shadow last with a gunmetal grey color first and then a LITTLE black just at the edge of the shadow...remember when the black gets wet it spreads and is really black!

I then chose a second leaf to complete my composition (although I didn't draw the surface they are laying on, yet.) I started the second leaf the same way. Then I took a VERY SMALL paint brush and *methodically - patiently - and delicately...* got that??? ; D went in the direction of my original shading lines and smoothed them with the water.

This is the result... Hope you try it. For a pumpkin or gourd, use the 'round line technique' we talk about and be sure to use several colors to make the object have depth.

God has changed our season, so capture a few items of fall in your sketchbook!

