



# Earth Day 2020

Happy 50th Birthday EARTY DAY!

Hello Artists and Families,

We hope this letter finds you well; happy and healthy. I am excited to share with you a distance learning art experience developed by KC - Karen Campbell.

Karen is providing for each student a bag of clay... but this is not any old clay... this is **Reclaimed clay**; clay that has previously been used, dried, reconstituted and **recycled!**

In honor of Earth Day, April 22, 2020, Karen Re-claimed 300 pounds of clay keeping it out of the landfill! It is a marbled blend of red and white clay.

We are asking you to:

Create, build, vent, construct, work your clay. Get creative with your tools, use a toothpick, a stick, a pen, a Lego block, you are the artist here. This is your piece make what you'd like.

## Tips and reminders when working with clay:

- Prepare your work surface; put a piece of newspaper or old cloth down to work on.
- Any time you attach 2 pieces of clay: **SLIP and SCORE.**
  - **Score:** to carve lines into the surface of clay
  - **Slip:** add water into the scored lines , then attach the pieces.
- Make sure the walls of the clay are:
  - not any thicker than an adult thumb... if so hollow it out
  - not any thinner than your pinky finger = too fragile = could break
- Keep the clay in the bag while you are not working on it so it does not dry out.
- Clay must be worked in its "plastic" stage.
- Never work or carve dry clay - it's fine dust is dangerous for your lungs.
- When you are finished with creating, carve your name and the date into the bottom of your piece.
- Put your piece back into the bag - with your name on it- and return it back to school during a packet pickup/ drop off day.
- We will dry it, fire it and clear glaze it for you.
- We can't wait to see what you come up with!

Any questions/concerns: email Mrs. Flight @ [aflight@strattonschool.org](mailto:aflight@strattonschool.org)

We miss you! Have FUN! :-)

~ KC & Mrs. Flight