

*Dear Family,*

**In my class today**, we looked at a fall landscape painting from the Cleveland Museum of Art and made our own landscape using paper and paint.

### **Did You Know?**

- Landscapes are an ideal way to introduce the concept of the changing seasons. Landscapes are pictures of the outdoors that typically include natural scenery such as mountains, valleys, trees, rivers, and forests. Landscapes can also include buildings such as those in a city or town.
- Landscape paintings have been especially popular during periods when there was great interest in exploring the natural world. George Inness was an American artist who was influenced by the great European tradition of landscape painting. This led him to make paintings in a loose, painterly style. The fleecy clouds and airy suggestions of clumps of colored leaves convey the essence of a fall day in the country.

### **Ask Your Child:**

- What colors did you use to make your fall picture?
- How did you make your landscape?
- Tell me about your favorite season.

### **Activities To Do With Your Child:**

- Talk about special holidays and family birthdays; which are in the fall?
- In the fall, collect leaves and acorns. Count and sort them.
- Take a walk, and play “I Spy” with fall colors.

### **Vocabulary To Use With Your Child:**

- **landscape** – a picture that shows the outdoors.
- **seasons** – the four parts of the year: spring, summer, fall, winter.
- **fall** – the season of the year between summer and winter; fall has cooler temperatures and changing leaves.
- **autumn** – another name for fall.
- **trunk** – the main part of a tree that branches grow out of; often brown.
- **collage** – an artwork made by gluing paper or other objects.