

Dear Families,

We read the book *Picture the Sky* written and illustrated by Barbara Reid. This book offers many different perspectives of the sky, from a sliver between skyscrapers to a large expanse over an open field. At one point, the author states that artists see a masterpiece, or a great work of art, when they look at the sky. Talk with your children about the book. What do they remember from it?

You can also focus on reinforcing the meaning of the word “masterpiece.” You and your child can:

- Take a walk around your house. What pictures are hanging on your walls? Do you think any of them are masterpieces? Why or why not?
- Draw something you think would be called a masterpiece.
- Pieces of music can also be called masterpieces. Play some you consider a masterpiece and have a dance party.

Did You Know?

Receptive vocabulary is used to refer to the children’s listening and reading vocabularies. Receptive vocabularies are usually much larger than expressive vocabularies, which refer to the way children “use” vocabulary when they speak and write.

