## VISUAL ARTS 2ND \& 3RD GRADE ACTIVITIES

 Introduction: Shapes are everywhere. We see them all around us. We see them inside buildings. We see them in nature. We even eat them for dinner! And we can make shapes too. There are geometric shapes, like the ones we use in math. Other shapes are called freeform because they are their own unique shape. We are going to review some favorite shapes, practice doing some shading, and then use shapes and shading in our own drawings.Materials : Something to draw with: a pencil or pen Optional: Crayon, colored pencils or markers

## MENTOR ARTIST JOHN PARRA



John Parra is an award winner illustrator. He illustrated the book Round is a Tortilla. John grew up in San Diego. One day he met an artist that changed his thinking. John says, "Immediately I felt a connection, and a light bulb went off in my head that I too could infuse my background, culture, and personality into my work."


## FREEFORM SHAPES

GEOMETRIC SHAPES

trapezoid
triangle

## TRY DRAWING THESE SHAPES

## ADD SHADING TO MAKE THEM LOOK 3-D



Draw your own cube

| Draw a very wide letter Y . | Draw a wide $V$ at the bottom. | Draw 2 lines on the sides, so it looks like a book. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Draw an upside down V as the roof. | Shade 1 side light, 1 side medium, and 1 side dark. |  |
|  |  | Now you can draw and shade your own cube! |



M MAKING A SHAPE DRAWING
STEP 1
Draw some shapes on your paper, they can be random or thought out. These shapes will turn into your drawing! Once your page is filled, begin adding details.


STEP 2
Add different grays to some of your shapes. You can shade objects a light, medium, or dark gray.

STEP 3
Add extra shading to the edges of some of your shapes. It will make them look like they are 3-D and have shadows.


