

# DYNAMIC PEACE

*Dynamic: constant change, activity, or progress*

Members of Los Niños's 2014 after school Art Lab collectively created the following piece of artwork. "Dynamic Peace" explores how dichotomous ideas (or opposites) can interdependently coexist to create a harmonious state of being. As participants in the "Global Art Project for Peace," we sent this artwork to our partnering school in India and are looking forward to receiving what they have to share with us!

## Project Description

Here is a little background on what inspired our artwork. During our after school Art Lab, four 5th graders and I discussed how conflicts could be viewed positively rather than negatively when perceived as opportunities for growth. We viewed artwork that addresses conflict and discussed how each could result in a positive outcome. In addition, we talked about how the yin-yang concept represents balance and harmony through the interdependence of conflicting forces.

Next, Art Lab members collectively generated a series of yin-yang images that represent various opposites. Each symbol was created by the combined efforts of two different artists. The words represent how conflicts can be negotiated and transformed into new understandings. Ideally, this exercise aimed to explore how differences can balance and complement one another while creating a renewed sense of peace.

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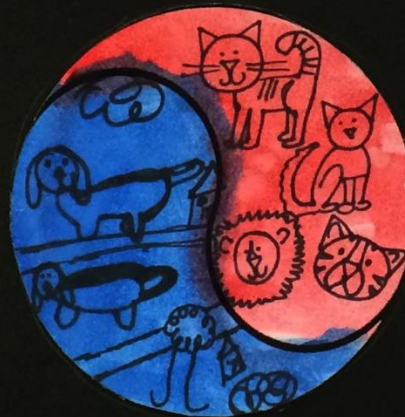
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