



# **Ava Billings**, Grasshopper

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## **Commentary on Learning with Mrs. McNulty**

In high school, I have taken several art classes. Studio in Art, Drawing, and Painting I & II with Mrs. McNulty, and next year I will continue with Portfolio class where I will have the opportunity to create my own collection.

During the two years of taking art classes under the guidance of Mrs. McNulty, I have benefited from learning new techniques and being exposed to new ways of painting and different materials that can be used. Mrs. McNulty allows us to explore color by learning different ways to mix a variety of tints and tones to give our paintings depth and definition. The way that Mrs. McNulty has introduced new ways of painting and the different materials available has allowed me to include more specific details in my work. Mrs. McNulty's own style of free-flowing art class has allowed me to experiment and develop my own style.

## **Artist Statement**

As a young kid I started out drawing in books and on anything I could, but during the past 2 years, I have become fascinated with painting. Creating different layers to demonstrate value or a texture I'd like to show. I enjoy painting nature and animals to capture their natural beauty that some people may overlook. Art has also given me a space to express my feelings and turn them into something with beauty and color and helps me to take the time to relax and let my creativity flow with no boundaries.