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Artist Statement

I am currently in Introduction to Art with Mrs. Kies and have learned how to embroider and slow stitch. This has given me the freedom to be creative and has taught me how to create art using my own ideas. My favorite embroidery techniques are the running stitch, French knots, and couching. The running stitch is a fast stitch and works for a variety of designs. The French knots are tiny and an easy stitch to fill space. Couching the ribbon was nice because it was easy to use for lettering and looked very pleasing.

“Love Yourself” started with a self-portrait linocut project. After creating and printing the linocut block, Mrs. Kies encouraged our class to use the stamp in a mixed-media work of art. I decided to experiment with embroidery and slow stitching. I chose to frame the print, practice stitching, and final project together because of the emotions that were shown. It looks like I’m sad in the print. The practice stitching is very happy-looking. Creating a collage with my print, embroidery techniques, and beads created a joyful feeling. The process of stitching was very fun and calming, as I took my time and really enjoyed it. I plan on using embroidery in the future on projects or decorating items at home.