

Art Response to *New Kid* by Jerry Craft

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For my project, I made a drawing to match the comic style of the author Jerry Craft. I chose to make Jordan Banks, the main character in the novel *New Kid*, drawing in his room. I added a giant thought bubble to show his thoughts as he draws. Since Jordan's true passion is art school, I incorporated the School of Visual Arts poster on his wall and within his thought bubble. I made this bright with watercolors to show his dreams and what he aspires to see in the world. In the book, Jordan said that everyone was treated differently in his new school, and that he experienced this especially because he was one of the few African American students in the school. I incorporated the good aspects that he wants to see in his thought bubble: "kids are able to be who they are" and "no judgement". I took this and placed it in his dream school where he would be treated the same and everyone would relate to one another through art and never criticize someone for their skin color. I really enjoyed this project and being able to draw the character and show the significance of the story's theme and the importance of treating everyone with kindness.