

## **Art Award**

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“It is often in the darkest skies that we see the brightest stars.” This is the quote by Richard Evans that I based my painting off of. This quote means that in the darkest times, we are able to have the most hope. In my artwork, I decided to paint a starry night sky. The stars represent hope amongst all the chaos and misfortune that we can experience in life. Even though the sky in my painting was dark, I made sure some starlight still shone through. I did this because I wanted to convey the message that hope is always there, but it stands out the most while in the midst of a dark time, giving us hope for our current situation. Also, I chose to paint a reflection over the water, because in dark times, we need to contemplate the situation that we are in, in order to focus on the good things.