New Hampshire artist and writer, Tomie dePaola created memorable characters and stories through his powerful illustrations, by using clean lines and strong gestures. With over 270 books to his name after decades of publishing, Tomie was truly one of the most beloved children’s literature figures of our day. His stories honor the creativity and imagination children bring to every part of our lives.

For more information about this artwork click here.


**Activity:** Creative Expression Drawing

**Materials:**
- Paper
- Varied art supplies, whatever you have around the house
  - Crayons
  - Colored pencils
  - Markers
  - Watercolors
  - Acrylic Paints

**Directions:**
- Create a list of your favorite ways to be creative,
  - Maybe you sing, choreograph dances, write stories, bake new desserts, etc.
- Pick a way you like to be creative and draw a picture of yourself doing that activity
- Share with your friends and how they like to be creative and express themselves

**Tips:**
- Have fun! Your drawing is your own expression of yourself, it doesn’t have to look like anyone else’s.
- What are ways you express yourself creativity inside your home?
- How did you learn the way you like to be creative?
- Don’t overthink it.

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