

1st GRADE – LINES & SHAPES

Lesson

The arrangement of basic lines and shapes. The idea of “taking your line for a walk” to see what you can create simply using a line.

Artists- Kandinsky, Mondrian

Supplies

- Dice
- Instruction Sheet (see folder)
- Legal-size white paper
- Crayons (students can use their own)

Activities

Dice Roll Game

1. Divide students into groups of 3 or 4.
2. One set of dice, one instruction sheet per table; one sheet of paper and crayon per student.
3. Student should use a black or dark crayon for the dice portion.
4. At each table, students take turns rolling dice and everyone at table draws corresponding shape/line per instruction sheet; pass dice to next person and continue. Can draw the lines/shapes as small/big/numerous as they choose but just using the black/dark crayon at this point.
5. Stop after all get a turn rolling dice and then give them a few minutes to add color to their art however they choose. The goal is to add color to existing shapes/lines, not to continue to draw.
6. Play jazz/abstract music in background.
7. Remind students to sign their art like professional artists.
8. Stop coloring, have students hold up their art and discuss.

Music Influence Activity

- Pass out new sheet of paper (or use backside of first drawing)
- On left side of paper, have students draw lines/shapes/patterns in any colors they choose for two minutes while listening to soft, uplifting instrumental music (Bach, Beethoven, etc.)
- Stop drawing. On right side of paper, have students draw lines/shapes/patterns in any colors they choose for two minutes while listening to an intense, more serious instrumental music piece (Stravinsky, Chopin, etc.)
- Stop and discuss how the style of music influenced each drawing.