

3rd Grade

Wassily Kandinsky: “The White Dot”

Project: *Painting Music*

Materials:

- Water Color paper – we have plenty
- Water paints – students should have, if not we have in the closet
- Ice cube trays for water
- CD player (from home or check with teacher)
- Music CD
- Small white dot (die-cut from copy paper in the file)
- Glue

Process

- There is a DVD of Fantasia in the file as well as a CD. Check with the teacher to see if they have a CD player (if not you need to bring one) and also check to see if their DVD player works. If it does not let me know and we can get a portable TV/DVD player to go in the classroom that day.
- Give presentation of artist and print. Show the beginning of Fantasia. This is the Disney movie in which Disney brings brooms, flowers and inanimate objects to life in animation. Only show about 2-3 minute segment.
- Disney and Kandinsky are just some of the millions of people that are inspired by music. Pick a song on the CD and play it once without the kids doing anything. Tell them that their tool is their paintbrush. One year I have the kids listen to the music and pick up their clean paintbrush and pretend to be a maestro in an orchestra. You want them to paint music and they need to hear and feel it first.
- Play the music as many times as possible and when they are done or when you say they are done, then need to add a white dot onto their artwork. Do not paint the white dot – silly as that sounds, it is called The White Dot so it needs to stay white.

This is a really fun for the kids!