

1st Grade: Shape Unit

This unit is an introduction to organic shapes and a review of geometric shapes, and takes place near the beginning of the year in 1st grade. Students will create art using shape in a variety of ways. Through this unit, students will understand that shapes are building blocks for art creation. Organic shapes will be reviewed next year in 2nd grade, as well, as part of the spiraling curriculum.

Lessons/Art Activities Include: Kandinsky Organic/Geometric Shape Paintings, Geometric Shape Pictures, and Observational Drawing using block creations students build themselves.

CREATING

- Use observation and investigation to make a work of art.
- Explore uses of materials and tools to create works of art or design.
- Uses art vocabulary to describe choices while creating art.

PRESENTING

- Identify the roles and responsibilities of people who work in and visit museums and other art venues (we will talk about this when we learn about the artist Kandinsky and look at his body of work)

RESPONDING

- Categorize artworks based on different reasons or preferences. (Students will take each piece from this unit and choose his or her favorite to share with the class)

CONNECTING

- Understand that people from different places and times have made art for a variety of reasons.