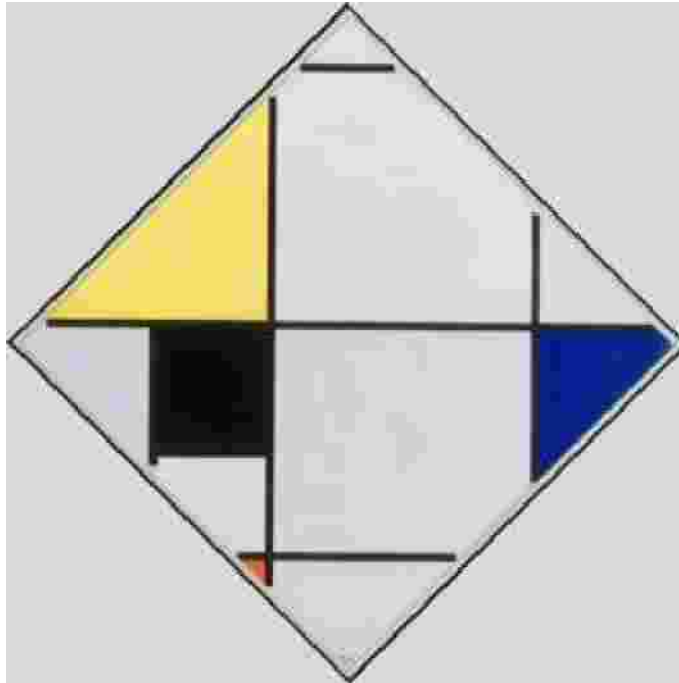


The Lyon Masterpiece of the Month Program



Lozenge Composition with Yellow, Black, Blue, Red, and Gray, 1921
By Piet Mondrian, located at the Art Institute of Chicago

Hi Mom & Dad,

Today one of the Art Parents came into our class and showed us our Masterpiece of the Month. We learned about the artist Piet Mondrian. Piet Mondrian was born in the Netherlands in 1872. He created about 250 paintings in his lifetime. Mondrian was one of the greatest artists of his time. His work influenced many artists, designers, writers and architects. His work still inspires people today. You can see more paintings by Mondrian in the permanent collection of the Art Institute of Chicago, like the one above.

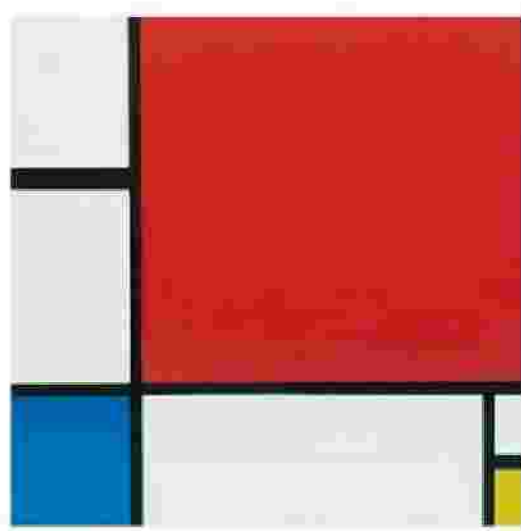
He was influenced by many artistic styles but overtime believed that the foundation of all things could be found in the simplest form - straight lines and primary colors. ASK ME WHAT PRIMARY COLORS ARE.

He is known as an abstract painter. The paintings that Piet Mondrian is most famous for are rectangles of white and primary colors, dissected by black lines. He did not always paint this way, however. Mondrian's first paintings depicted scenes found in real life. ASK ME TO TELL YOU WHAT ABSTRACT IS.

We each made a collage in the style of Mondrian. ASK ME HOW WE MADE OUR COLLAGE.

Talk to your child about Piet Mondrian and their own Mondrian inspired collage they made. I am sure they will have plenty to say!

Below is the poster we viewed during class of one of Mondrian's Abstract paintings.



PIET MONDRIAN'S
COMPOSITION WITH STAIRS AND STRIPS