**Volunteer Notes**

**For Mark Rothko**

**Items needed:**

Art shirts (1 per)

Crayola paints

Cups

Paper plate “palettes”

Brushes

Art paper (practice paper)

Watercolor paper (1 per student)

Paper towels

Masking tape

Water and pitcher if no sink available

**Concepts being taught:** Please be able to understand and explain these concepts with the students**.**

**Abstract Art-** Style of modern art that doesn’t have to look like anything. Instead it shows or creates emotion, feelings and ideas through color, shape and context (how and where it is displayed). Interpretation is left to the imagination.

**Warm and Cool colors on the color wheel-** This is explained on slides 5 & 6. You may want to leave the color wheel or slide 4 up as examples during the project.

**Other Notes:**

Please be sure to read through *all* instructions with the students before they begin any project.

Each student receives one sheet of watercolor paper. The students need to do a warm color painting and a cool color painting. You can have them divide their paper in half to do this or cut the paper into two halves using a paper cutter.

Tape one of the students’ papers down to their desks with masking tape before they begin. This:

1. Holds the paper down and keeps it from curling when wet
2. Creates a natural frame for the artwork.

\*It takes some time to tape down the papers, so you can choose to tape one or both papers down depending on the time.

Have Fun!