**Volunteer Notes**

**For Piet Mondrian (Mohn-Dree-un)**

Items Needed:

Art paper (1 per)

\*Volunteers’ choice-15 sets of either markers, Sharpies, pastels, construction-paper crayons, or 16oz. bottles of paint in red, yellow, blue and black.

 Black construction paper (1 per). \*Volunteer or student needs to cut into thin strips and lengths of different sizes.

Glue sticks (30)

**If you choose paints** you will also need: Cups, brushes (½ in. or watercolor sized), paper towels and water (in a pitcher if no sink available).

Items from classroom: Pencils, rulers, scissors.

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

**Abstract art-**Art that is geometric in design or simplified from its natural appearance; does not need to look like anything real.

**Geometric Design-**Artworks created with geometric shapes as the primary form of the creation. Geometric shapes are simple squares, circles, rectangles, triangles, cubes, spheres, lines, etc**.** Mondrian used vertical and horizontal lines to create squares and rectangles over most of his later works.

**Primary Colors-**The 3 basic colors, red, yellow and blue, from which all other colors can be made from. Mondrian thought of them as the purist colors**.**

 **Asymmetrical** **balance**- In art, when both sides of a work are not identical, yet appear to have the same visual weight. They look balanced. This is achieved by using size, color and positioning in an art work.

**Other Notes:** Please be sure to read through *all* instructions with the students before they begin any project.This is a deceptively easy looking project! Getting straight lines with construction paper can be difficult. If you have a paper cutter, I recommend you bring it to help speed things up. You could also pre-cut black strips of varying lengths and sizes using the school’s paper cutters. Otherwise, a pencil, ruler and scissors will have to do. \*Another option is just to have the students create the lines using rulers and black sharpie markers. Have fun!