



Henri Matisse
(1869-1954)
“Purple Robe”, 1937

Today your child learned about Henri Matisse and specifically his piece titled, “Purple Robe”.

We talked about how Matisse used rich, bright colors, fanciful patterns, and abstract forms. He liked to create art like a “comfortable arm chair” in which to relax.

The concepts of pattern, subject versus background, colors, and mood we discussed. We also talked about how Matisse liked to reuse the same “props” in many of his works.

The class then created a Matisse like project using patterns for backgrounds and his favorite props to create a room scene. Ask your child to show you the project they created today and tell you about the different elements.

We also went to the site http://artbma.org/flash/F_conekids.swf for an online interactive game that teaches the kids about Matisse and his work.

We enjoyed sharing one of our favorite artists with your child and hope they had fun too.