



“The Old Guitarist”
1903-4
By Pablo Picasso



“Three Musicians”
1921
by Pablo Picasso

Art Appreciation

Today your child was introduced to a movement of art called cubism. Cubism involves analyzing objects to study the shapes that make them, and recreating them in an abstract form. We discussed why an artist might choose to paint in the style of abstract cubism when they have the ability to paint in realism. We did this by contrasting two of Pablo Picasso’s famous paintings, “The Old Guitarist” painted in the style of realism, and the “Three Musicians” painted in the style of cubism. We discussed the feelings that each painting evoked in the children, how color was used, the degree of dimensionality and perspectives each was painted from. We emphasized the fact that art is all about making choices and self-expression. Today your children created their own piece of art in the style of cubism by creating a musician from shapes of colored paper.