

1st Grade Art Appreciation

Pierre Auguste Renoir , “A Girl With A Watering Can”

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1. Renoir was a French painter who was an “Impressionist” (a distinct style of painting).
2. Child -- constantly drawing pictures, 13 yrs old paid to paint flowers on dishes. Then painted fans and religious story pictures on stained glass.
3. Saved enough money to go to art school -- met Monet and other famous artists who became lifelong friends. They became the “Impressionist” artists -- an distinct interest in color compatibility.
4. He Married and had 3 sons. Financially secure and admired by the public.
5. As he aged he became arthritic. He had to remain in a wheel chair. Loved to paint so much that he had pain brushed tied to his hands so he could paint.

“A Girl With A Watering Can”

1. What is the focal point of the painting? (the girl)
2. Colors used? Where else do we see blue/green together? (sky/trees & bushes/ grass)
3. Why red for the girl’s hair bow? (red is a compliment to green -- across from one another on the color wheel.) Important to the impressionists; used color to portray movement and ??
4. What color used most often? (green)
5. Painting divided horizontally -- to give perspective. Where is the girl in relation to everything else.
6. Why do you think the girls is holding the watering can? What is she wearing? Would you wear that to water flowers?
7. What is the weather like? How do you know? What colors help you know this?
8. Where might the path lead?

Activity

1. Show kids the color chart/wheel. Explain complimentary colors.
2. Give each child a chart and read the colors together.
3. At tables, tape a paint brush to each students hand (like Renoir had to do) and let them paint the color chart with the water colors.