



# The Dot

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This is a book about getting started—getting unstuck and exploring an idea in many ways.

## Think while you read...

- How do you think Vashti is going to feel about going to a new art class?
- Why do you think Vashti's art teacher encouraged her to sign her artwork?
- Why do you think the author chose to write this book? What's his message?



Check off what you do for a chance to win prizes!



### Talk

Talk about how this story would have been different if Vashti's art teacher said, "It's okay you didn't finish your picture. Some people just can't draw." How do you feel when you try something new? How can we help others when they do not feel confident?



### Play

Experiment with the crayons and watercolors in your kit! Mix colors to see what different combinations make. Use your watercolors to paint something that shows how you feel today.



### Write

Make a mark every day in your journal (your mark can be a word, a picture, something funny that happened that day, a doodle, a squiggle, a dot!)



### Connect

Did you know that grown up artists sometimes make art with dots? There is even a word for this type of painting. It's called *Pointillism*! Search "Pointillism Examples" online to explore some of the amazing art created entirely from little dots, just like the ones Vashti made!



## This week, I looked at books on...

Sun. Mon. Tues. Weds. Thurs. Fri. Sat.





# Make Your Mark!

## Watercolor Artwork

### You are an artist!

- Use the watercolors or crayons from your kit to make your own dot inside the printed picture frame! It can be big, little, many or just few, colored - your choice!
- Like other artists, be sure to sign and date your work!
- Color the swirly frame for your creation.
- Cut out the frame and hang it up to share!
- If you feel inspired, experiment with more dots in your journal!

