Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

BOOKS TO SHARE

- I Ain't Gonna Paint No More by Karen Beaumont
- Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh
- Anna At The Art Museum by Hazel Hutchins
- I'm The Best Artist in the Ocean by Kevin Sherry
- The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse by Eric Carle
- Dog Loves Drawing by Louise Yates
- Snail Trail by Jo Saxton
- My Pen by Christopher Myers
- Billy's Picture by Margret Rey
- Art by Patrick McDonnell
- Chalk by Bill Thomson
- Stir The Paint [Action Rhyme]
  - This is the way we stir the paint, stir the paint, stir the paint
  - This is the way we stir the paint so early in the morning
  - [dip our brush, paint the paper, blow it dry, frame the picture]
- I Know The Colors
  - I know the colors for painting fun
  - Green like grass and yellow sun
  - An orange pumpkin and white snow
  - A red rose and a black crow
  - Blue like a mailbox, brown like an ape
  - A pink pig and some purple grapes
- "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole (1990)
- Make a Circle, Draw a Square [fingerplay]
  - Make a circle, make a circle,
  - Draw it in the sky,
  - Use your finger, use your finger,
  - Make it round as a pie.
  - Draw a square, draw a square,
  - Make the lines so straight,
  - Make a square, make a square,
  - Draw a box in the air!
The Paintbrush on the Paper [Action Rhyme]

The paintbrush on the paper goes
swish swish swish, swish swish swish,
swish swish swish,
The paintbrush on the paper goes
swish swish swish,
All day long.

[Verses: The pencil on the paper goes skritch
scratch skritch…
The crayon on the paper goes scribble, scribble,
scribble…
The Play-dough on the table goes squish,
squish, squish…]

Color Surprises

I took a blob of red paint, then I took a blob of yellow.
I squished and swished them all around as far as they would go.
My red and yellow began to change,
And much to my surprise, I saw those colors change to orange.
Right before my eyes!
I took a blob of red paint, then I took a blob of blue.
I squished and swished them all around, like I was told to do
My red and blue began to change,
And much to my surprise, I saw those colors change to purple.
Right before my eyes!
I took a blob of blue paint, then I took a blob of yellow.
I squished and swished them all around as far as they would go.
My blue and yellow began to change,
And much to my surprise, I saw those colors change to green.
Right before my eyes!

MORE FUN!

"What If Chalk Could Talk" Drawing Game

Use a small chalkboard, dry-erase board, or simply blank pieces of paper, take turns drawing something that the other person has to guess.

This game will help children develop their fine motor and writing skills as well as their turn-taking ability.

"What if chalk could talk?
What would it say?
I would like to draw today!
I will draw,
Then you tell me,
What it is you think you see."

When reading a picture book with your child, emphasize that reading the pictures is an essential part of reading an illustrated book.

Experiment with wordless picture books, and have your child 'tell' you the story of what is going on visually.

Try reading two different books illustrated by the same artist (example: Hooray For Birds and the Maisy series -- both by Lucy Cousins) and finding similarities in artistic style together.