

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!

COLORS

LETTER OF THE DAY

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BOOKS TO SHARE

Mix It Up
by Herve Tullet

*Golden Domes and Silver
Lanterns: a Muslim Book of
Colors*
by Hena Khan

Pride Colors
by Robin Stevenson

Monsters Love Colors
by Mike Austin

Cat's Colors
by Airlie Anderson

Planting a Rainbow
by Lois Ehlert

Green Is A Chile Pepper
by Roseanne Thong

Stanley's Colors
by William Bee

Edible Colors
by Jennifer V. Bass

Red Yellow Blue
by Lysa Mullady

Mixed: A Colorful Story
by Arree Chung

They Say Blue
by Jillian Tamaki

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

I Love Colors [rhyme]

I love colors, yes I do!
Red and orange and green and blue!
I love colors, dark and bright,
Yellow, purple, black and white!

If You're Wearing [action rhyme] [Tune: "Mary Had a Little Lamb"]

If you're wearing red today, red today, red today,
If you're wearing red today, please stand up!

[Verses: change colors and even actions that you use in the rhyme]

Five Little Crayons [fingerplay] [hold up fingers as you count through the rhyme]

Five little crayons standing in a row
The first one said, "I'm red, you know!"
The second one said, "I'm green like a tree"
The third one said, "I'm blue like the sea"
The fourth one said, "I'm yellow as the sun"
The fifth one said, "Being purple is fun!"
Five little crayons, happy as can be
Coloring pictures with you and me **[point to person and then self]**

ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Color(s)"



To do the sign for "color"
hold your hand up in front
of your neck and chin
area and then flutter the
fingertips.

Colors We Know

[Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"]

Red and orange, green and blue, shiny yellow, purple too!

These are the colors that we know, way up high in the great rainbow.

Red and orange, green and blue, shiny yellow, purple too!

Use Your Eyes [action rhyme]

Use your eyes, use your eyes,
You can look and see,
If you can find something [*name of color*],
Share it now with me!

This rhyme can be used as a simple game while out running errands with your child(ren). This gives them the opportunity to practice their color recognition as well as develop expressive language skills.

Bubble, Bubble, Pop [action rhyme]

One little red fish swimming in the water,
swimming in the water,
swimming in the water,
One little red fish swimming in the water,
Bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble, POP! [*slap hands together*]

[Verses: *change color of fish*]

"True Colors" by Cyndi Lauper, (1986)

MORE FUN!

Color Mixing Ice Cubes

Materials:

Freezer and ice cube tray
Food coloring or paint
(Red, yellow, and blue)
Empty bowls



Make ice cubes in each of the three primary colors.

When they are ready, have your child put them in empty bowls in the following combinations:

- One blue, one yellow
- One red, one blue
- One red, one yellow

Watch as the cubes melt and the color of the water left is no longer one of the primary colors, but a new color!

Tip: If your child (or you!) are impatient to see a quicker change than letting the ice melt naturally, you can pour some warm, clear water over the cubes to speed up the process.

This activity is a great way to engage your child in sensory exploration and introduce the scientific concept of primary vs. secondary colors.

To practice paint color mixing without the mess, seal a small amount of two primary colors in a ziploc bag (you can duct tape the top closed for extra security) and let your child(ren) squish their way to a secondary color discovery!

Many animals use color and pattern as warning signs to would-be predators and to camouflage themselves in their habitats. Check out an ER ("Easy Reader") non-fiction book on animal coloring like:

- Red Eyes or Blue Feathers: A Book About Animal Colors* by Patricia Stockland
- Hidden Wildlife: How Animals Hide In Plain Sight* by Jim Arnosky

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