

Dear Parents:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our toddler and preschool storytimes. Please continue helping your child develop a love for books and reading by sharing these rhymes, books, and other activities with your child.

Rainbow of Colors

Books To Share

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes

by Eric Litwin

My Many Colored Days

by Dr. Seuss

A Color of His Own

by Leo Lionni

Wow! Said the Owl

by Tim Hopgood

I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!

by Karen Beaumont

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

by Bill Martin, Jr.

White Rabbit's Color Book

by Alan Baker

What Does Bunny See?

by Linda Sue Park

White Is For Blueberry

by George Shannon

I Dream of An Elephant

by Ami Rubinger

I Went Walking

by Sue Williams



Fun With Fingerplays and Songs

Mixing Colors

(Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star")

Red and blue, red and blue,
Mix them and find something new.
Purple like a fresh, ripe plum,
Purple like a poor sore thumb,
Red and blue, red and blue,
Mix them and find something new.

Red Is An Apple

Red is an apple on a tree.
Yellow is the sun shining on me.
Orange is the umbrella over my head.
Purple is the blanket on my bed.
Green is the leaf on a twig.
Blue is the ocean oh, so big.
Grey is an elephant I like to ride.
Pink is the flower I see outside.
Brown is a rabbit in a hat.
White is white and that is that!

Oh, Rainbow

(Tune: "Oh, Christmas Tree")

Oh, Rainbow, oh, Rainbow,
How lovely are your colors.
Oh, Rainbow, oh, Rainbow
How lovely are your colors.
Purple, red and orange, too,
Yellow, green and blue so true.
Oh, Rainbow, oh, Rainbow,



Rainbow Colors

(Tune: "Ten Little Indians")

Red, orange, yellow,
green, blue, purple.
Red, orange, yellow,
green, blue, purple.
Red, orange, yellow,
green blue, purple.
They are the rainbow colors.

Rainbow Colors (Folk Rhyme)

Rainbow purple
Rainbow blue
Rainbow green
And yellow too
Rainbow orange
Rainbow red
Rainbow shining overhead.
(Form circle with arms overhead)

Five Little Jellybeans

Five little jellybeans,
I wish I had more!
I'll eat the (color) one;
Now there are four.

Four little jelly beans,
Tasty as can be
I'll eat the (color) one;
Now there are three.

Three little jelly beans,
Only a few
I'll eat the (color) one;
Now there are two.

Two little jellybeans,
Eating them is fun.
I'll eat the (color) one;
Now there is one.

One little jelly bean,



Other Fun Things

Spaghetti Painting

What you need:

Cooked spaghetti
Paper for painting
Paint (i.e. tempera or poster)

Dip cooked spaghetti in the desired color of paint and let it "wiggle" across the paper

Science Experiment with Colors

What you need:

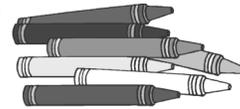
Shaving cream
Ziploc baggie
Food coloring

Place a palm size dollop of shaving cream into the ziploc bag; add a few drops of blue and yellow food coloring. Zip up the bag, removing all the air you can before sealing, "knead" the bag to mix the colors—yellow and blue make Green! Try different color combinations.

Take a Color Walk!

Go on a color walk – try to find something of every color in the rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet).

"color of the day"



Or, choose a
and try to find as

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- **Singing**
- **Reading**
- **Writing**
- **Playing**

If you would like more information, please ask the staff in the children's area.

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