

Colors Storytime

Prep: Varies

Items:

- Books:
 - “The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse” by Eric Carle ([Book](#))
 - “Vincent Paints His House” by Tedd Arnold ([Book](#))
 - “Little Green Peas” by Keith Baker ([Book](#))
- Items:
 - Shaving Cream
 - Glue
 - Food Coloring
 - Bowl
 - Squirt Bottle (Optional)

Full Length: 30 minutes

Beginning:

- We started the Story Time by singing “I Wake up my Hands” by Jbrary. The great part about this sing is that you can have the kids choose the body part. This allows the kids to learn the body parts while making it fun!
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZzvSxwQ8mM>
- The first book we read was “The Artist who Painted a Blue Horse” by Eric Carle. Carle is a great author for young readers. This book is all about animals and how they are different colors. This book allows for learning in two different ways. The children are able to identify the different animals and also their colors. I did make sure to tell them that the animals aren’t really these colors. As we went, we pointed out the real color of each animal.

Middle:

- After the first book, we sang “Pass, Pass, Pass the color” to the tune of “Row, Row, Row your Boat”. I had different colored pennants that we passed around.
 - <https://teachingmama.org/10-preschool-songs-colors/>
- The second book we read was “Vincent Paints his House” by Tedd Arnold. To add a little history lesson, I just looked up two to three facts about Vincent Van Gogh. Just to give them an idea of who he is and what he painted.

End:

- The last book that I read was “Little Green Peas”. This is a fun book about colors. This book can be repetitive so saying it with different voices or reactions will liven it up. I did split up the reading in this story time to allow the puffy paint to dry. So, I waited until after the craft to do this book.

Craft:

- Today we had some fun with Puffy Paint. This is awesome to make! It's made with shaving cream, glue, and food coloring.
 - <http://sunlitspaces.com/2017/03/02/how-to-make-puffy-paint-for-kids/>
- For this craft, I printed out some rainbow pages and had them trace the colors of the rainbow. I did combine indigo and violet to just purple to make it easy, because making those two colors was difficult. The kids had lots of fun!

