



Early Literacy Kit :: Colors Guide

About This Kit

The items and activities in this kit will help your child get ready to learn about concepts that will prepare them for school. Here are some ideas to get you started and practice at home. Follow your child's lead and have fun!

What's included:

- Board book
- Picture book
- Hands on activities
- Literacy tips
- Rhymes & songs
- Discussion topics
- DIY ideas

Facts - Did you know?

The primary colors are used to create all other colors! Primary colors are red, yellow, and blue. When you mix these colors together, they create other colors called secondary colors. Secondary colors are green, orange, and purple.

Activity #1: Pom Pom Sorting



1. Sort the pom poms in to the egg container by their different colors.
2. Count each pom pom as you sort.
3. Sort out the primary colors.
4. Practice creating secondary colors using the primary colors.



Board Book Suggestions

- Llama Llama Colors
- See, Touch, Feel Colors
- First Book of Colors by Roger Priddy
- Stanley's Colors by William Bee
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar Eats Lunch by Eric Carle

Picture Book Suggestions

- Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin
- Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh
- The Deep Blue Sea by Audrey Wood
- My Colors, My World by Maya Christina Gonzales
- Dog's Colorful Day by Emma Dodd

Literacy Tip #1

Writing, including scribbling, is one way to develop print awareness. Encourage your child to "read you what they have written. This helps to reinforce that writing and print have meaning.

Discussion: Let's Talk About Colors

Use these questions to help explore this concept!

- What colors do you see in this room?
- What colors are you wearing today?
- What color is your hair?
- What can we do with the different colors around us?
- What would you draw with a box of crayons?
- What are your favorite colors to mix together?
- What colors do you see in your world?
- Can you look for these colors throughout your day today?
- What is your favorite color and why?

Activity #2: Ice Cream Flannel

Practice naming the colors of the scoops, then stack them up and count the scoops.



Create the patterns shown on the cards.



Literacy Tip #2

Talking about words that rhyme helps children become more aware of the smaller sounds in words (phonological awareness). Pick a word and see if your child can think of a rhyming word to go with it.

Songs & Rhymes

Song: 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!

Action Rhyme: The Color I See

Red, red is the color I see.
If you are wearing red,
then show it to me!
Stand up, turn around.
Show me your red then
sit back down.

*Repeat the rhyme with the different colors you see.

Try This at Home

Create your own color sorting activity using cups and popsicle sticks, crayons, buttons, or other items you have at home!

Take a walk around your neighborhood or home and talk about what you see. Look at plants, buildings, vehicles, animals, or toys.



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