

Johnson County Library's

BOOKS TO GROW

Kit Theme: **Colors – Toddlers**

- Book titles included:

1. **FREIGHT TRAIN** by Donald Crews
2. **THE CRAYON BOX THAT TALKED** by Shane DeRolf
3. **LUNCH** by Denise Fleming
4. **BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR, WHAT DO YOU SEE?** by Bill Martin
5. **MOUSE PAINT** by Ellen Stoll Walsh

- Video:

HULLABALLOO – COLORS!

- Audio:

MARY WORE HER RED DRESS

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

BEGINNING TO LEARN ABOUT COLORS by Richard L. Allington

WHITE RABBIT'S COLOR BOOK by Alan Baker

CAN YOU SEE THE RED BALLOON by Stella Blackstone

CATS COLORS by Jane Cabrera

PLANTING A RAINBOW by Lois Ehlert

HAWAII IS A RAINBOW by Stephanie Feeney

IS IT RED? IS IT YELLOW? IS IT BLUE? by Tana Hoban

MY CRAYONS TALK by Patricia Hubbard

KIPPER'S BOOK OF COLORS by Mick Inkpen

COLOR DANCE by Ann Jonas

LITTLE BLUE AND LITTLE YELLOW by Leo Lionni

GROWING COLORS by Bruce McMillan

HAILSTONES AND HALIBUT BONES

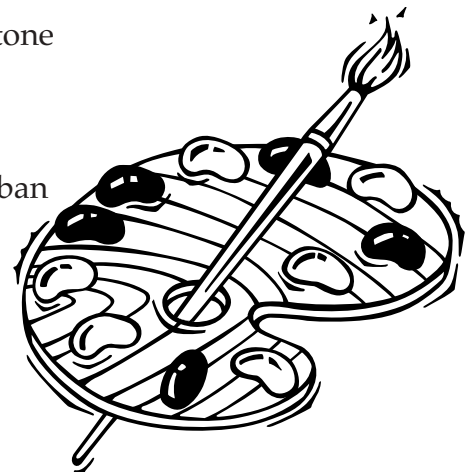
by Mary LeDuc O'Neill

WHO SAID RED? by Mary Serfozo

THEY THOUGHT THEY SAW HIM by Craig Strete

I WENT WALKING by Sue Williams

MR. RABBIT AND THE LOVELY PRESENT by Charlotte Zolotow



Activity Ideas – Colors – Toddlers

- After listening to and/or reading *Mary Wore Her Red Dress*, change the words of the song to name your children and identify what they are wearing by the type, newness or color of clothing. Ask the children to tell you what they want to sing about themselves.
- In a basket, collect an assortment of everyday household objects that are the same color (plastic cups, socks, toy – large enough to pass the choke test). Let the toddlers explore the objects while you emphasize the color. Have older toddlers help you find objects of a certain color from around the room. Turn the search into a game. (From *Toddlers Together* by Cynthia Catlin)
- Collect fabric scraps, ribbons, bows, yarn and construction paper of one color. Put the scraps in a dish tub, large box or sensory tub for the toddlers to explore. Add plastic containers and/or small boxes with lids for the toddlers to stuff the colored scraps into. With older children, find two of each scrap, mix them together in a tub or box, then pull one out and ask the child to find its match. (Adapted from *Toddlers Together*)
- Get four small bottles of white school glue. Put five drops of red food coloring in one bottle. Repeat with the other colors and glue. Let them set overnight to create colored glue (no need to shake). Give each child a paper plate and allow them to drizzle different-colored glue all over the plate. Have the child tilt the plate slightly to allow the colors to run together. If you wish, let the children sprinkle glitter on the glue before allowing it to dry overnight. (From *Themestorming*)

TWO LITTLE BLACKBIRDS

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill,

Hold up two thumbs

One named Jack and one named Jill,

Lift one, then the other.

Fly away Jack,

Hide one behind your back.

Fly away Jill,

Hide the other behind your back.

Come back Jack,

*Then bring them back home again,
one at a time*

Come back Jill.

(Substitute with other colors)

STOP SAYS THE RED LIGHT

(To the tune of “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star”)

Stop says the red light

Go says the green.

Slow says the yellow light in between.

Stop says the red light,

Go says the green,

We must obey them, even the queen!

(From *I’m a Little Teapot* by Jane Cobb)

COLOR GARDEN

Red is the apple,

Up in the tree,

Hiding behind a green leaf,

Winking at me.

Blue is the little bird,

Sitting in her nest,

Who just caught a big brown worm

And is now taking a rest.

Orange is the butterfly,

Floating near the brook,

Amid the purple violets –

Think I’ll take a look.

Yellow is the sun up high,

Warming up the day

With colors all around me,

I’m a lucky one I’d say.

Black is the little animal

Who isn’t far away.

The stripe of white upon his back,

Tells me not to stay.

(From *Everyday Circle Times* by Liz & Dick Wilmes)



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