

6 by 6 Books to Go

Johnson County Library

Kit theme: **COLORS**

- Book titles included:
 1. **Freight Train** by Donald Crews
 2. **Where Is the Green Sheep?** by Mem Fox
 3. **A Color of His Own** by Leo Lionni
 4. **Mouse Paint** by Ellen Stoll Walsh
 5. **Deep Blue Sea** by Audrey Wood
- DVD: **Blue's Clues Shapes and Colors!**
- CD & Book: **Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present**

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

White Rabbit's Color Book by Alan Baker
I Ain't Gonna Paint No More by Karen Beaumont
Dog's Colorful Day by Emma Dodd
Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert
Lunch by Denise Fleming
Is It Red? Is It Yellow? Is It Blue? By Tana Hoban
Little Blue and Little Yellow by Leo Lionni
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? By Bill Martin
White Is for Blueberry by George Shannon
What Color is Nature? By Stephen Swinburne
Seven Blind Mice by Ed Young



See the back for activities to help children with these 6 by 6 *Ready to Read* early literacy areas:

Have Fun With Books
Notice Print
Talk, Talk, Talk

Tell Stories
Look for Letters
Take Time to Rhyme

Activity Ideas – Colors

Pick an object in plain sight and say “I spy something (red/green/blue/etc.)”. Let your child guess what object you have selected until he/she gets it right. Then your child takes a turn. Picking out different objects will improve your child’s vocabulary.

Go on a color walk. Have everyone pick out all the various things/ objects that are the color you are focusing on for the day. This is also a good way to practice vocabulary.

Experiment by adding food coloring to water and make ice cubes: red, yellow, and blue (primary colors). Once they are frozen, put two differently colored ice cubes in a ziploc bag for children to observe. As the ice cubes melt, the colors will blend to become secondary colors (orange, purple, or green). Ask your child to describe what he/she is observing to practice narrative skills.

Create letters in the color which they spell (a green “G”, a blue “B”, etc). Play with the letters; call them by both their colors and their names, and talk about what sound(s) they make. This will help your child develop both letter knowledge and phonological awareness.

Learn rhymes and songs.

Color Rhyme

If your clothes have any red
Put your finger on your head.

If your clothes have any blue
Put your finger on your shoe.

If your clothes have any green
Wave your hand so you’ll be seen.

If your clothes have any yellow,
Smile like a happy fellow.

If your clothes have any brown
Turn your smile into a frown.

If your clothes have any black,
Put your hands behind your back.

If your clothes have any white,
Clap your hands with all your might.

Color Song

(to the tune of *Itsy Bitsy Spider*)

Orange is a carrot
Yellow is a pear,
Green is the grass
And brown is the bear
Purple is a plum,
Blue is the sky,
Black is a flying bat,
And red is cherry pie.

Painting (to the tune of

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

I know the colors for painting fun,
Green like grass and yellow sun,
An orange pumpkin and white snow
A red rose and a black crow,
Blue like a mailbox, brown like an ape,
A pink pig and some purple grapes.

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