

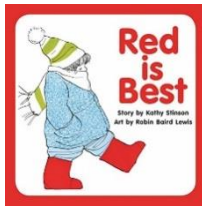


BOOKMATES'

LOVE, LAUGH, LEARN: Weekly Literacy Resources



Red is Best by Kathy Stinson



This is an easy to read story about a young girl's clear preference for the colour red!

If you don't have the book at home, copy and paste this link to have the book read to you: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=57&v=70-SRwCtJ1U&feature=emb_logo

Whether or not you read the book, try these activities that will support your child's learning about all the beautiful colours in our world!

Egg Carton Colour Sorting Activity

Materials needed: egg carton, markers or paint, different coloured items for sorting

Children can colour the bottom of each of the egg cups in the carton in a different colour. Have a variety of different coloured items that they can then sort into the different compartments (examples are pom poms, Fruit Loops, Lego pieces, coloured pieces of paper, items cut out from grocery store flyers, or collect rocks from outside and paint them different colours!)



Did you know that sorting is considered an emerging numeracy skill? This is math in the early years!

Car Painting



Materials needed: Paint, toy cars, a large rectangular sheet of paper and masking tape. The masking tape is to hold the paper in place so it does not move while children are painting.

Place a blob of paint on each end of the landscape paper but mix it up so that the cars need to cross each other's paths to match the colour. Start each car in a blob of paint and "drive" it towards the paint of the matching colour. Where paint colours criss cross, point out how new colours are formed. Allow children to explore the cars and paints however they want. It will be a true exploration of colours through play!



GET ACTIVE!!!

- Color Hunt – Pick one color and hide objects of that color around the room for toddlers to go on a color hunt
- Color Hop – For a large motor activity, draw large circles in various colors outside and have toddlers hop on the color and name it
- Outdoor Scavenger Hunt – Go on a nature walk, find objects of different colours

SING TOGETHER!

The Colour Song

(Tune: If You're Happy and You Know It)

If your clothes have any red, any red
If your clothes have any red, any red
If your clothes have any red, put your finger on your head,
If your clothes have any red, any red.



Additional Verses:

Blue – finger on your shoe
Yellow - smile like a happy fellow
Brown – turn your smile into a frown
Black – put your hands behind your back
White – stomp your feet with all your might

The Rainbow Song

(Tune: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)

Red and orange, green and blue,
Shiny yellow, purple too,
All the colours that we know,
You can see in a rainbow,
Red and orange, green and blue,
Shiny yellow, purple too.



Need a laugh? Try this joke with your child:

What is a cat's favorite colour?
Answer: Purrrrrr-ple

Literacy Tip of the week:

Spending Time Together = Learning

As families face social distancing, along with school and work closings as a result of COVID-19, it's possible to feel stressed—not only about health issues, but also with the reality of suddenly being at home for many days with energetic little ones and the pressure to “teach”. Give yourself a break – particularly with children from birth to six, learning happens best through play and human interactions. You do not need lesson plans or flash cards. Spending time together equals learning!

15 Every Day Activities that Count as Learning!

1. **Cooking together**
2. **Checking the weather forecast**
3. **Playing card games**
4. **Doing puzzles**
5. **Imaginative play**
6. **Playing board games**
7. **Listening to music**
8. **Reading**
9. **Colouring, drawing, painting**
10. **Listening to podcasts or audiobooks**
11. **Writing a letter**
12. **Taking a walk**
13. **Doing chores**
14. **Taking care of the family pet**
15. **Calling a grandparent or another relative**



Make Your Own Book:

This week's book: A Paper Bag Book

Materials needed: paper bags, markers or crayons, hole punch, yarn



Take 2 or 3 paper bags and lay them on top of one another, alternating top to bottom. Punch holes along one side and weave yarn through to create a binding. *Note, it can be difficult to punch through multiple bags so you might want to hole punch one at a time.



Decorate the pages as you like – tell a story, do leaf rubbings, write or draw things you observe. Notice that you will have “lift the flap” options where the bottoms of the bags overlap, as well as openings at the top of the bags. You can take it outside and collect leaves or other nature treasures and tuck them in the openings. All kinds of options!



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