



STORY OF THE DAY

Monsters Love Colors

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STORY EXTENSION IDEAS

- After reading the book, ask children to identify their own favorite color and paint a picture of a monster. Will they paint a monster with their favorite color or mix several colors to create a rainbow like the last monster in the story?
- Using a white crayon on white paper, draw a picture of a monster. Give your child the paper with the white crayon monster drawn on it and watercolor paint. As your child begins applying the watercolor paint to the paper, the white crayon will resist the color, allowing the monster to appear on the paper like magic!
- Crayon Painting - First you color your paper with crayons, then you paint over the crayoned drawing. Try mixing a little paint with shaving cream and have your child use that - it doesn't spill and will create a unique art piece.
- Try this [MIXING ACTIVITY](#) for science fun with your child.

IDEA OF THE DAY

Open your own "art school."

Start by reading your child some favorite picture books and talking about the different techniques the artists used for the illustrations. Then have the child practice fine motor skills by making books or illustrations of their own, using materials such as watercolors, paste, paper, cloth scraps, ribbon, foil, string, stamps, greeting cards, and box tops. When they're done, your kids can hang their masterpieces in a special gallery area or "read" their illustrated books to you or each other