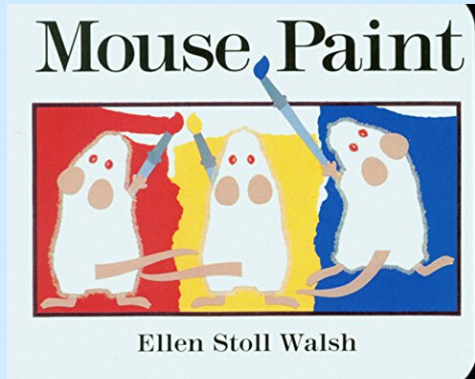


STORY OF THE DAY



MOUSE PAINT

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STORY EXTENSION IDEAS

- Have four pieces of colored construction paper, felt squares, or anything that is Red, Blue, and Yellow. Dump balls, pom-poms, tissue paper, Legos, whatever you have on hand all over over the rug and have your kids pick up one at a time and match to the correct color.
- Using Ziplock bags, put a squirt of two primary colors in each bag. Make sure to tape the ends of the bags to secure them. Have your child mix the colors together to see what happens. As an added bonus the bags can be hung outside as suncatchers.
- Use the primary colors to make new colors using color mixing with water. Have children experiment with adding Red, blue and yellow food color using eye droppers into a clear cup filled with water.
- Talk about your child's favorite parts of the story and why they like them. Ask your child if he has a favorite color and why that color is their favorite.

IDEA OF THE DAY

COLOR RECOGNITION

1. Play "I-Spy" with colors: Take turns looking around the room and choosing an object. Don't say the object out loud, but instead say "I Spy something (color of object)". Have your child guess what object it is that you are thinking of. Make sure to give your child multiple chances to guess the object before you tell them the answer – gives them more chances to practice. Once your child knows their colors let them choose the object for you to guess.
2. Sort your child's laundry by color.
3. Go on a scavenger hunt outside. Staple together different colors of construction paper to make a rainbow book (one piece each of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink, black, brown, and white), and bring along tape. Take a walk outside and see if your child can find something to represent each color paper in their book. When they find an object they can tape it into their book on the correct page (i.e. Tape a green leaf on the green paper).