Storytime at the North Mankato Taylor Library

C is for Colors

Stories we shared:
The Crayon Box that Talked by Shane DeRolf
Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt
Secret Agent Josephine's Colors by Brenda Ponnay
Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh

More Stories You May Like to Share:
Elmer and the Rainbow by David McKee
Rainbow Colors (Winnie the Pooh) by Salina Yoon
Crayola Rainbow Colors Book by Shanae Yoon
Dinosaur Colors by Paul Stickland
Blue Hat, Green Hat by Sandra Boynton
Full Color by Etienne Delessert
Red, Green, Blue: a First Book of Colors by Alison Jay
Secret Agent Josephine's Colors by Brenda Ponnay
Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert
Balloons, Balloons, Balloons by Dee Lillegard
Shoe Bop! by Marilyn Singer
Sound of Colors by Sarah Thompson
Deep Blue Sea by Audrey Wood
A Beach Ball Has Them All! by Linzi West
Brown: Seeing Brown All Around Us by Michael Dahl
White: Seeing White All Around Us by Michael Dahl
Colors and Shapes Everywhere! (Caillou)
Bing: Paint Day by Ted Dewan
Dog's Colorful Day by Emma Dodd
Colors of the Chameleon by Alberto Benevelli
Kipper's Book of Colors by Mick Inkpen
Brown Cow, Green Grass, Yellow Mellow Sun by Ellen Jackson
Of Colors and Things by Tana Hoban
Mixed-up Chameleon by Eric Carle
Red Sings from the Treetops by Joyce Sidman
Crayon Counting Book by Pam M. Ryan
Black Book of Colors by Menena Cottin
Brown at the Zoo by Christianne Jones
Pink Takes a Bow by Christianne Jones
Winter White by Christianne Jones
Batty for Black by Christianne Jones
Brown Food Fun by Lisa Bullard
Red Food Fun by Lisa Bullard
Orange Food Fun by Lisa Bullard
White Food Fun by Lisa Bullard
Yellow Food Fun by Lisa Bullard
Green Food Fun by Lisa Bullard
Red Eyes or Blue Feathers by Patricia Stockland
Take a Walk on a Rainbow by Miriam Moss
Spicy Hot Colors=Colores Picantes by Sherry Shahan
Color Farm by Lois Ehlert
M&M's Color Pattern Book by Barbara Barbieri
Warthogs Paint by Pamela D. Edwards
A Color Of His Own by Leo Lionni
Quiet Bunny's Many Colors by Lisa McCue
**Early Literacy Activities:**

***Read the color names on a box of crayons. These creative and unusual names are also a great vocabulary booster.***

***After reading a book about colors, like Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert, go color shopping with your child. Get a basket or a bag and have your child go around the house looking for things of a certain color. Talk about the things she found. Then return the items to where they belong.***

***Using red, blue, and yellow colored water, make several trays of little ice cubes. Provide children with empty baby food jars, pitchers of warm water, and eye droppers. Give children the colored ice cubes in small batches and allow them to mix different colors with the ice cubes and warm water in the baby food jars. Encourage children to talk about their experiences and to keep track of the different colors they make and discover. Ask children to explain what happens to the ice and to predict what will happen when different colors, such as blue and yellow, are mixed together.***

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**Songs and Fingerplays You May Like to Share:**

**Colors**

The world is full of colors.
The coldest color I can think of is...
The warmest color I can think of is...
The softest color I can think of is...
The scariest color I can think of is...
When I think of **yellow**, I think of...
When I think of **red**, I think of...
When I think of **blue**, I think of...
When I think of **green**, I think of...
My favorite color for a house is...
My favorite color for a flower is...
The funniest color I can think of is...
The color that makes me the happiest is...

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**When I See**

When I see **Red** I put my hand on my head
When I see **Blue** I touch my shoe
When I see **green** I wash my face real clean
When I see **yellow** I wave to the fellows
When **Orange** is found I put my hand on the ground
When I see **pink** I think, I think, I think

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**Colors**

(Sung to: Head, Shoulder, Knees, and Toes)

Red, yellow, green and blue
Red, yellow, green and blue green and blue
Purple, orange, brown and black
Red, yellow, green and blue green and blue
I am thinking of a color that is the color of the sky.
What color am I? (Blue).

I am thinking of a color that is the color of the sun.
What color am I? (Yellow).

I am thinking of a color that is the color of grass.
What color am I? (Green).

I am thinking of a color that is the color of milk.
What color am I? (White).

I am thinking of a color that is the color of a lemon
What color am I? (Yellow).

I am thinking of a color that is the color of a lime
What color am I? (Green).

I am thinking of a color that is the color of an orange
What color am I? (Orange). For older children use tangerine instead of orange

**The Color Song**
(To the tune of "This Old Man")
Red, red, red, touch your head.
Blue, blue, blue, tie your shoe.
Brown, brown, brown, touch the ground.
White, white, white, take a bite.
Black, black, black, touch your back.
Purple, purple, purple, draw a circle.
Pink, pink, pink, give a wink.
Gray, gray, gray, shout hurray!

**Colors for Painting**
I know the colors for painting fun
Green grass, a yellow sun,
An orange pumpkin, white snow,
A red rose, a black crow,
A blue mailbox, brown apes,
A pink pig, and some purple grapes.

**Pretty Color Crayons**
Pretty color crayons
Red, green, and blue,
Orange, purple, and yellow
I love them, yes I do!
Color Rhyme (do actions as indicated)

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’re 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,
Stamp your feet with all your might.

**Most ideas in this handout were borrowed from the following websites:
http://www.pdl.lib.mi.us/parents-kids/need_help_with_your_beginning_reader/at-home-literacy-activities-toddler/

http://extension.missouri.edu/hes/childcare/promoteliteracy.pdf
The Alphabet Song

a-b-c-d-e-f-g

h-i-j-k-lmnop

q-r-s

t-u-v

w-x

y and z

Now I know my ABCs

Next time won’t you sing with me.