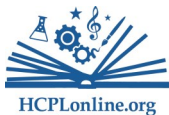


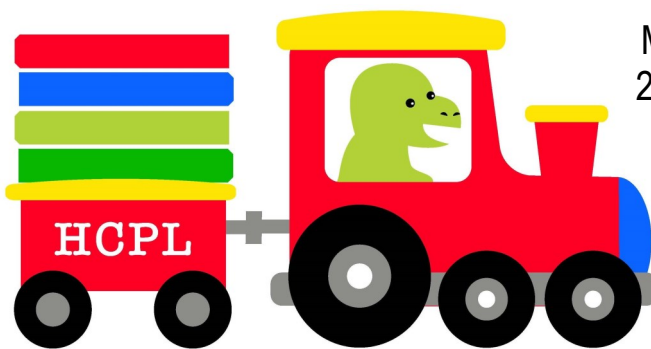
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Songs & Fingerplays

Five Little Crayons

[Hold up 5 fingers]

Five little crayons were playing one day
Drawing on paper, enjoying the play
The red one said, I'm done, I'm done
That left four little crayons having fun

[Hold up 4 fingers]

The purple one said... etc. (Green, Orange, Blue)

I See Rainbows

[Tune: Frere Jacques]

I see rainbows, I see rainbows

[Move arms in arc across body – rainbow shaped]

Way up high, In the sky.

[point up to the sky]

They are red and orange

Yellow, green and blue.

Purple, too! What a view!

[hold hands over eyes and look around]

I see rainbows, I see rainbows

[Move arms in arc across body – rainbow shaped]

Way up high, In the sky.

[point up to the sky]

They are made from sunshine,

Shining through the rain.

What a view In skies so blue!

[hold hands over eyes and look around]

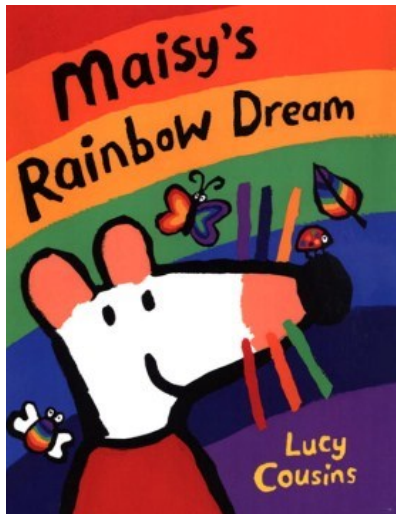
Paint With Me

[Tune: This Old Man]

Grab your brush, paint with me
Paint a flower, paint a tree
Paint it fast and paint it slow,
Paint up high and way down low
How we love to paint, let's go!

Theme: I See a Rainbow

Books to Share



We are surrounded by beautiful colors and fascinating shapes, and this month we will read stories that help children notice and celebrate the bright colors and many shapes that they see around them. In *Maisy's Rainbow Dream*, we will join Maisy as she dreams about many creative colored things. In *The Shape of Things*, we will explore how different shapes can make the objects around us, and in *From Wax to Crayon* we will learn about making crayons. So join us this month as we learn about colors and shapes and share some colorful stories, songs, and fingerplays! And don't forget to make the library part of your adventures by signing up for Summer Reading, Color Our World, which runs through August 16th!

Maisy's Rainbow Dream, by Lucy Cousins

The Shape of Things, by Dayle Ann Dodds

Bear in a Square, by Stella Blackstone

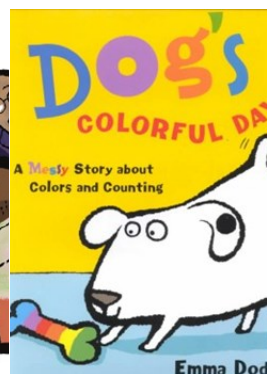
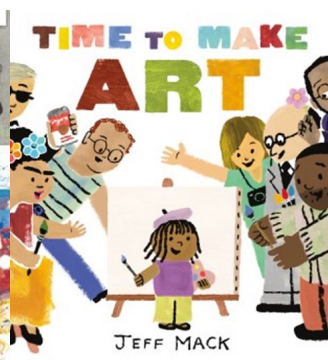
From Wax to Crayon

Music: "Purple Bricks in the Sky"

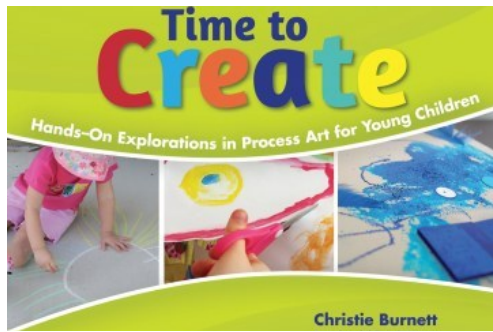
from *Waiting for the Elevator*

by Laurie Berkner

Looking for more book ideas? Check these out!



Thank you and have a great summer!



Book of the Month from the Parent Teacher Collection

Time to Create: Hands-on Explorations in Process Art for Young Children, by Christie Burnett, PTC

With the ideas in this book for encouraging creativity, advice for choosing the right process art project, and suggestions for minimizing mess, you and your children will enjoy exploring and creating art throughout the day. Find ideas and tips for supporting art and children, as well as specific ideas supporting drawing, painting, sculpture, collage and using natural materials.

Try a Fun Activity

Sand Paper Art

Materials:

- Sand paper sheets (any grit)
- Chalk, crayons

Directions:

1. Draw on sandpaper with chalk or crayons. The sandpaper provides a unique texture. Any sandpaper will do, but black turns out especially well.
2. Babies can rub their fingers over the paper for a sensory experience.



<https://www.funlittles.com/art-activities-for-kids-sand-paper-art13169/2/>

Every **CHILD**
Ready to **READ**

Summer Reading 2025—The Celebration Begins at Your Library!

Thank you for sharing the year with us! We hope to see you at the library this summer and continue to nurture your child's love of reading. *Color Our World*, our 2025 Summer Reading Celebration features a challenge for our pre-readers. Parents, grandparents, siblings, and caregivers are encouraged to read to children Birth—Pre-K. After sharing 25 books, the child receives a book and a certificate. Plus, we have many fun guest presenters and programs planned all summer long!

Mark your calendar and visit your local branch of the Harford County Public Library to sign up or register online or any Harford County library branch beginning on June 2.

Talking | **Singing** | **Reading** | **Writing** | **Playing**

Questions or suggestions?

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More Rhymes

Shapes Song

[Tune: Farmer in the Dell]

A circle's like a ball
A circle's like a ball
Roll and roll it never stops
A circle's like a ball

A square is like a box
A square is like a box
It has four sides that are the same
A square is like a box

A triangle has 3 sides
A triangle has 3 sides
Up the mountain, then back down
A triangle has 3 sides

A rectangle has 4 sides
A rectangle has 4 sides
Two are long, and two are short
A rectangle has 4 sides

Five Green and Speckled Frogs

Five green and speckled frogs
[hold up five fingers]
Sat on a speckled log
[“sit” fingers on hand]
Eating some most delicious bugs
YUM! YUM!
[rub tummy]

One jumped into the pool
[make a diving motion with hands]
Where it was nice and cool
[fan face]
Then there were
Four green and speckled frogs
[hold up 4 fingers]
GLUB! GLUB!

Repeat in descending order