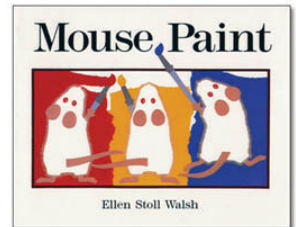




# Mengle Memorial Library

presents:

## Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh



Mouse Paint is a great book to introduce the early literacy skills *Talking* and *Vocabulary* to your child. When children learn the names of colors, they use them in their everyday language to enhance their descriptions of the world around them. When your child is first learning to speak, talk to them in ways to increase their vocabulary. If they say ‘Ball’ say “Yes, the blue ball is bouncing across the room.”

Point out the colors in this book as you read to your young child. If your child knows their colors have them tell you the color in the text. For example, “Red feet in a yellow puddle make \_\_\_\_.” Once your child says “orange,” praise your child. “Good job! Red feet in a yellow puddle make orange!”

Your child’s understanding and use of colors grows as their language grows. They learn many concepts, including colors, through repetition. Repetition is the key for all of your child’s learning. Learning, or the growth of connections between brain cells, is strengthened through repetition. Repetition makes the connection between the brain cells strong and enables your child to remember what it is you are showing them. This is why children love to read the same story again, and again, and again!

### Come to the library for more books about **COLORS!**

I Ain't Gonna Paint No More! by Karen Beaumont

Freight Train by Donald Crews

Color Farm, Color Zoo & Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert

Autumn Orange, Batty for Black, Big Red Farm, Brown at the Zoo, Camping in Green, Hello, Yellow!,

Pink Takes a Bow, Purple Pride, Splish, Splash and Blue & Winter White by Christianne Jones

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin

Little Blue and Little Yellow & A Color of His Own by Leo Lionni

Lemons are not Red by Laura Seeger

My Many Colored Days by Dr. Seuss

What Color is Nature? by Stephen Swinburne

I Went Walking by Sue Williams

**Ice Cube Painting** is a great way to play with colors and to learn what happens when you mix colors. Since this is a coloring mixing activity, start out with the three primary colors (red, blue and yellow).

To make the colored water, add at least 5 drops of food coloring to about ¼ cup of water. Mix well.

Spoon in the colors into each tray section by pairs to come up with the secondary colors—orange (yellow + red), green (yellow + blue), and purple (blue + red).

Kids love to mix colors so let them explore and learn!

Cover the tray with aluminum foil, poke craft sticks through the foil into the tray for handles, and put the tray inside the freezer.

Once frozen, remove the aluminum foil, give colors to your child and paint away!



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## Here are some song and rhymes about **COLORS**.

### **I See Something Blue**

I see colors everywhere.

Blue!

I see something blue.

[Hold your hand above your eyes as if  
you are searching for something.]

Blue!

I see something blue.

Blue, blue, blue, blue...

I see something blue.

Find something blue!

[Look around the room  
for blue items.]

Repeat with other colors.

### **When I See...**

When I see red, I put my hands on my head

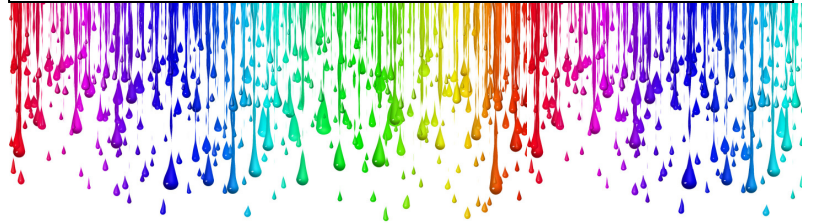
When I see blue, I touch my shoe

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, think, think.



### **RED** (The Farmer in the Dell)

R-E-D spells red.

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Apples and tomato juice

R-E-D spells red.

### **YELLOW** (Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

Yellow, yellow is the sun.

Shine on me so I can have fun.

Y-E-L-L-O-W, Y-E-L-L-O-W

Yellow, yellow is the sun.

Shine on me so I can have fun.

### **BLUE** (Are You Sleeping?)

B-L-U-E, B-L-U-E, that spells blue,  
that spells blue.

The color of the sky, the color of the  
sky.

B-L-U-E, B-L-U-E.

### **Rainbow Kittens**

Six little kittens found a box of paint.

They jumped right in ... their mother will faint!

The first little kitten came out all red.

"I'll be orange," the second one said.

The third little kitten turned bright yellow.

"I'll be green," said the next little fellow.

The fifth kitten said, "My favorite is blue."

"Purple for me," said the sixth with a mew.

Dancing home the little kittens go

To show their mother a KITTEN RAINBOW!



### **Colors We Know**

(Twinkle Twinkle)

Red and orange, green and blue, shiny yellow, purple too!

These are the colors that we know, way up high in the great rainbow.

Red and orange, green and blue, shiny yellow, purple too!

### **Colors**

**ORANGE** is a carrot

**YELLOW** is a pear,

**PURPLE** is a plum,

**BROWN** is a bear,

**GREEN** is the grass,

**BLUE** is the sky,

**BLACK** is a cat and

**RED** is cherry pie!



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