

Opening the Gift

I See a Rainbow



My World of Color by Margaret Wise Brown
A Rainbow of My Own by Don Freeman
Baby Bear Sees Blue by Ashley Wolff
Duckie's Rainbow by Frances Barry
Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert
Spring Things by Bob Raczka
Spring by Ann Herriges



Nursery Rhyme: Rain on the Green Grass



Songs & Fingerplays to Share

CD: *A Child's Celebration of Song* ~ "Over the Rainbow" performed by Judy Garland

I'm a Little Rainbow

(sung to: "I'm a Little Teapot")

I'm a little rainbow,

(point to self)

Way up high.

(point to ceiling)

After it rains,

(wiggle fingers like rain)

Look in the sky.

(shade eyes with hand; look up)

You will see my colors,

(point to eye)

Oh so bright!

From end to end,

(use index finger to trace arch in air)

I'm a lovely sight!

(put both hands up, fingers spread)

The Rainbow

The rainbow paints the sky

With colors that are true.

Red, orange, yellow, green,

Blue and purple, too.

Raindrops

Ten little raindrops,

dancing on the walk

(tap fingers on floor)

Pitter patter, pitter patter,

that's the way they talk.

Out comes the yellow sun,

shining in the sky,

(make large circle with fingers)

And away all the raindrops

fly, fly, fly.

(fingers hurry away behind back)

52 Programs for Preschoolers By Diane Briggs

Ducks Like Rain

Quack quack quack quack quack...

Ducks like rain

Ducks like rain

Ducks like splishing splashing in the rain

Ducks like rain

Ducks like rain

Ducks like the rainy weather

Water running off their feathers

Ducks like splishing splashing in the rain

Quack quack quack quack quack...

Ducks like rain

Ducks like rain

Ducks like to widdle waddle in the rain

Ducks like rain

Ducks like rain

Ducks like widdle waddle

Water knee deep in a puddle

Ducks like to widdle waddle in the rain.

Quack quack quack quack quack...

Music & Lyrics by Franciscus Henri



Your next visit will be: April _____

Next month's theme will be: "Hammer Time!"

More Books to Share:

Dog's Colorful Day by Emma Dodd

Splish, Splash, Spring by Jan Carr

Colors For Zena by Monica Wellington

Maisy's Rainbow Dream by Lucy Cousins

Red Rubber Boot Day by Mary Lyn Ray

Toby's Rainbow Clothes by Cyndy Szekeres

A Rainbow All Around Me by Sandra L. Pinkney



Activity Ideas:

Rainbow Reminder: For each child, place a sampling of each of the following items on a paper plate: strawberry slices (red), cheddar cheese (orange), banana slices (yellow), fresh broccoli (green), blueberries (blue), and grape halves (purple). Name a color and ask a child to name the corresponding food. Continue with each food option. Then invite the little ones to nibble on their rainbow of goodies ~ what a healthy snack!

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Rainbow Hair: Celebrate the colors of the rainbow with these entertaining props. To make one, have a child glue colorful crepe paper strips (one for every color of the rainbow) to a headband so they resemble hair. Then invite him to wear his headband and dance as you play a recording of lively music. Youngsters are sure to enjoy watching their colorful hair bounce to the beat. *Mailbox Magazine, Preschool edition Apr/May '13*

Book of the Month:



Learn Every Day About Colors: 100 Best Ideas From Teachers edited by Kathy Charner PTC 535.6
Organized by curriculum area, the activities in each chapter begin with those that are appropriate for the youngest preschoolers and follow with activities that children five years and up will enjoy. *Learn Every Day About Colors* has one hundred activities for children ages three to six, providing teachers with innovative and fun ways to introduce and reinforce learning about colors. With activities such as *My Favorite Color Collage*; *Rain Painting*; *The Blue, Blue Sky*; and *I Can Sing a Rainbow*, children will delight in learning all about colors!



Road to Reading Tip:



NAPTIME! NAPS ENHANCE LEARNING IN PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

Preschool naps support learning. Eliminating naps to increase "productivity" may undermine rather than enhance learning. A recent report from the University of Massachusetts Amherst confirms the common intuition that young children benefit from naps. In fact, children who take naps appear to remember what they have learned better than their peers who do not nap.

Read the full article: wlearning.com/articles/ Published on Monday, February 03, 2014

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Rain on the green grass,
And rain on the tree,
Rain on the housetop,
But not on me.



EARLY LITERACY EXTRA! (BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE) Children are curious about their world! There is so much to know! You help them learn when you share what you know and when you help them find new information., by reading books, for example.

Read a book about **WEATHER** together. Then repeat the rhyme with different weather words instead of **RAIN**, such as: **SNOW, DEW, FOG, SLEET, HAIL.**