

Color Unit

Virginia's Foundation Blocks for Early Learning: Comprehensive Standards for Four -Year Olds, 2007

These standards are beacon lights for my curriculum. I adapt them according to the ability of my students. I use them as goals to strive towards or as background building for my students' future learning. These goals are my focus, but they are not the only objectives being utilized by the following lessons. Language and social goals are incorporated into our classroom daily routines.

I. Virginia Science Foundation Block 3: Matter (page 27).

The child will develop language to describe an object's position, movement and physical properties. The child will also describe properties of water.

- a). Identify colors (red, orange, yellow, green , blue, purple)and white and black.

II. Concepts to be taught

1. Most all objects have a color
2. To exact match colors
3. To point to named colors
4. To name or identify colors by name

III. Stories to be read:

1. Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr/ Eric Carle
2. Big Bird's Color Game Illustrated by Tom Cooke
3. Big Bird's Red Book by Rosanne and Jonathan Cerf
4. Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh
5. Clifford the Big Red Dog
6. Blueberries For Sal
7. Winnie the Pooh Looks for Yellow
8. The Big, Big Carrot by Kathleen Cuble
9. What Makes a Rainbow by Betty Schwartz
10. I've Been Eating Blackberries by Allan Trussel-Cullen
11. Rain by Donald Crews
12. It Looked Like Spilled Milk by Charles G Shaw
13. The Little Mouse , The Red Ripe Strawberry and The Hungry Bear by Don Wood
14. A Color Of His Own by Leo Lionni
15. Colors (Slide and Seek) by Chuck Murphy

IV. All Color Activities:

1. Color Day
2. Treasure Hunt for items in room or environment
3. Folder Pages for each color found at www.KizClub.com
4. Paint hand prints in each color
5. Mix paint to make new colors
6. Sort play food by color
7. Match play food to photo of food
8. Shaving cream and color mixed
9. Glitter bottle filled with corn syrup and water and glitter or confetti
10. Use cellophane wrap : red, yellow and blue for primary colors as well as putting them together to make new colors (cut them out in shapes: such as a mouse to go with the book , Mouse Paint.

1. Red

- Make a Clifford puppet(see sample included in activities
- Examine and taste red foods (fruit: strawberries, raspberries, jello, kool-aid watermelon)
- Paint ladybugs
- apple art activities: thumbprint red apples on a tree
- Elmo is red
- Clifford is red
- Watermelon art craft: paper plate, cut in half, color the outside rim green, and the inside red. add real watermelon seeds

2. Blue

- Grover, and Cookie Monster are both blue
- Book: Blueberries for Sal
- Blue foods: (blueberries, blue jello)
- Make blue berry pie or cobbler or have berries and milk
- paint blue berries on a green bush
- paint blue flowers
- dye eggs blue
- Make blue carnations: take white carnation flowers and put into water that has blue food dye added

3. Yellow

- Make a yellow sun
- Eat Yellow foods: (banana, jello, lemon pie, honey, make butter, scrambled eggs, lemons, pineapple and pears)
- lemon prints
- Winnie the Pooh Bear is Yellow
- Big Bird is yellow
- Make a glass of lemons craft: draw a glass on white construction paper, color it yellow, add lemon prints

4. Orange

- Grow a carrot
- Mix paint colors red and yellow to make orange
- paint with carrots
- Examine and taste orange foods (oranges, tangerines , carrots, Kool-aid, orange juice, cantaloupes)
- paint with oranges
- Make a sunrise or a fire
- pumpkin art activities

5. Purple

- Count on Sesame Street is purple
- Song: *Purple People Eater*
- Thumbprint grapes with purple paint in a cluster add leaves and a vine
- Mix red and blue paint to make purple
- Paint or color purple flowers:
- Crocus in the Spring: to make crocus in the grass
Put green paint on 4 finger tips, and paint in downward motion on white paper
add crunched up purple tissue paper for flowers.
- purple foods (grapes, jello, grape juice, eggplant, blueberry muffins, plums)

6. Green

- Mix paint yellow and blue to make green
- Frog art activities
- Paint green stems or grass blades
- Examine and taste green foods: (celery, bell peppers, cucumbers, green onions , beans, peas, limes, kiwi, and pickles)

7. Black

- paint a black handprint
- graph black hair color in classroom
- Food: (Oreo cookies are black , licorice, jelly beans)
- bats are black
- spiders are black
- cats and dogs can be black
- bears can be black
- shoes and clothes can be black
- nighttime is dark or black

8. White

- paint white handprints,
- snow is white
- ghost (make believe) activities
- Food (milk, vanilla ice cream, vanilla milkshake, white chocolate candy)
- Paint with salt, or glue salt on picture for texture
- Ivory snow mixed with water painting
- shaving cream play