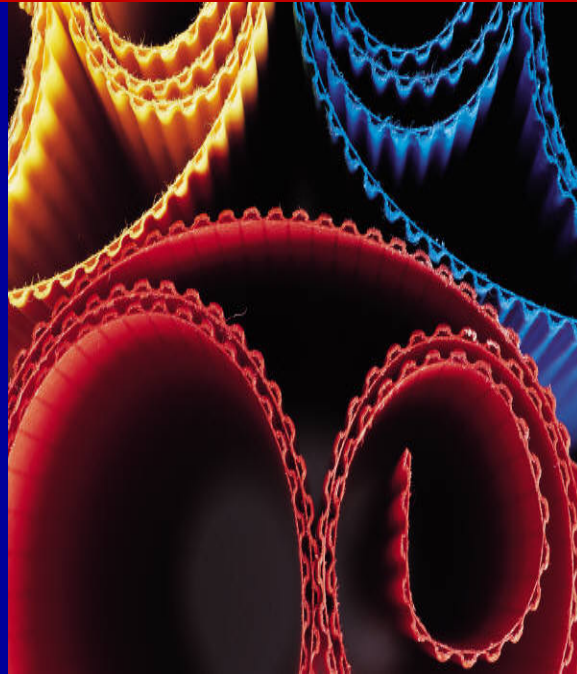


PRIMARY COLORS

Lesson

Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple are the colors of the rainbow. Three out of the six are considered to be the primary colors, and they are the colors that make up the other three. These colors are red, blue, and yellow. Now is a great time to teach your child about mixing and making new colors.



Some Suggestions

Once your child is familiar with the colors of the rainbow and the three primary colors, it is easy to teach the secondary colors. Try to have pictures, curtains, etc. that contain the secondary colors green, orange, and purple around the house or in their bedroom. Every time you see those objects, ask your child which two colors make that color.

Snack Time: Rainbow

Ingredients: Vanilla yogurt and red, yellow, and blue food coloring.

Mix drops of food coloring into the pudding, demonstrating how the primary colors combine to make secondary colors.



Activity & Games

Finger Painting

Materials: Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple paint, three large white pieces of paper, and an old t-shirt.

Start by having your child paint with each primary color on a separate sheet of paper. Then mix in red on the paper that already has yellow to make orange and so on and so forth. Use the t-shirt to protect your clothes.

Note— Red+Yellow= Orange, Blue+Yellow= Green, & Blue+Red= Purple



Reading Time

-Curious George Discovery Day, by Houghton Mifflin Company

-Colors, by Richard Scarry

-Preschool Skills: Colors and Shapes (Flash Kids Preschool Skills), by Flash Kids Editors