

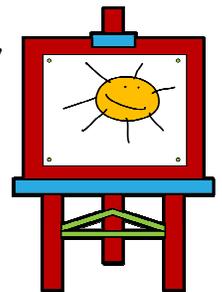


Purposeful Ongoing Play

Enhancing Language Skills Through Play

Parent Tip Sheet (P.O.P. Sheet) on... Coloring, Painting, & Art

- * Find coloring books and art projects that match your child's interests.
- * Below are some ideas that may be used, but don't feel you have to use them all every time you color or do an art project. Just pick 2 or 3 that you feel comfortable with and can easily do.
- * When coloring a picture or painting, name the colors you are using as you go along. Then comment on specific objects on the page, "Look at the yellow sun!" or "The purple flower has green leaves!"
- * If using different shades of the same color, talk about those differences such as light versus dark, bright versus dull, bold versus soft, and so on.
- * Introduce your child to a variety of mediums for art such as paper, foam, construction paper, newspaper, canvas, chalkboards, and dry-erase boards.
- * Try using a variety of materials such as crayons, colored pencils, markers, dry-erase markers, chalk, paint, fingerpaint, watercolors, glitter, stencils, stickers, and stamps.
- * Encourage your child to color or paint something to give away to a specific person. You can then introduce or reinforce vocabulary based on things that person likes. For example, if coloring or drawing a picture for grandma who loves hummingbirds, utilize that opportunity to show and/or talk about birds in general, their special features, what they eat, and what makes hummingbirds unique.
- * If the pictures and/or scenes portrayed relate to something your child has done recently, talk about that experience together. What was their favorite thing about that experience?
- * Instead of buying many coloring books, go online and find lots of free coloring pages.
- * Enjoy creating art!



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