Rhymes And Fingerplays

Rainbow
Rainbow over the waterfall
(cascade fingers down)
Rainbow over the tree
(form circle with arms above head)
Rainbow over the mountain
(Form mountain shape with arms)
Rainbow over the sea
(make waves with hands)
Rainbow over the flowers
(Spread hands in flower shapes)
Rainbow over the bee
(create buzzing bee with hand)
Rainbow over the animals
 spreath arms out)
Rainbow over me!
(Bring hands to chest)

I Love Colors
I love colors, yes I do!
Red and orange and green and blue!
I love colors, dark or bright,
Yellow, purple, black, and white!
I love colors, yes I do!
How about you?

Colors
The world is full of colors.
The coldest color I can think of is...
The warmest color I can think of is...
The softest color I can think of is...
The scariest color I can think of is...
When I think of yellow, I think of...
When I think of red, I think of...
When I think of blue, I think of...
When I think of green, I think of...
My favorite color for a house is...
My favorite color for a flower is...
The funniest color I can think of is...
The color that makes me the happiest is...

Street Colors
Red says stop
(Hold right hand in "Stop" gesture)
And green says go
(Make moving gesture)
Yellow says, “WAIT! You better slow”
(Wave hands back and forth)
When I reach a crossing place
To left and right I turn my face
(Turn head from left to right)
I walk, not run across the street
And use my head
(point to head)
to guide my feet
(point to feet)

Things to do together
- Walk around your house and have your child name every color that he/she can. Introduce new colors at times: for example—tan, cream, rose, teal, sage, violet etc.
- On colored paper, write down as many things as you can think of that are the same color as the paper.
- Encourage a discussion about colors you or your child like or don’t like. What is it about those particular colors? What colors do you both feel the same about?
- Take a walk with a clipboard and write down all the colors that you see.
- Use a variety of art materials—watercolors, markers, crayons etc. and compare the same colors made by the different materials