*Black is a Rainbow Color by Angela Joy
This book is a joyful celebration of Black American culture – the art, the music, inventions, leadership, hopes and dreams, all are described with text that is simple and accessible yet beautifully poetic and filled with emotion. The bright, evocative illustrations are a perfect accompaniment. An Author’s note is included as well as a great musical playlist, background information on some of the text, three beautiful poems, a timeline of black ethnonyms in America, and a short bibliography. This is a must read for preschool and young schoolage children.

*Sky Color by Peter H. Reynolds
When Marisol’s class decides to paint a mural in the school library, she is given the task of painting the sky. Because there is no blue paint, she begins to observe the sky with new eyes and paint her very own sky color. This charming book encourages us to look a little more keenly at our world. Young Schoolage.

Other Fun Books About Colors

All books that have an asterisk are available to read as an e-book on OverDrive.

*Colors/Colores Bright Baby/ Bebé Listo by Roger Priddy
Excellent first board book of colors in English and Spanish. Infant and Toddler.

*Every Color Soup by Jorey Hurley
Bright, bold illustrations accompany very simple text about the colors of soup ingredients. Includes a recipe for vegetable soup. All ages.

*Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Color by Hena Khan
Gorgeous illustrations of many Muslim traditions and artifacts create a vibrant book of colors and culture. Preschool.

Holi Colors by Rina Singh
This vibrant board book introduces children to the Indian Holi holiday. Infants and toddlers.

*I Am Brown by Ashok Banker
Each page of this book honors brown skinned people everywhere – where they live, what they do, how they look, the many languages they speak, the foods they eat, the hobbies they enjoy, how they worship. Preschool and young school-age.

*Mixed: A Colorful Story by Arree Chung
The three primary colors compete over who is the best in this light-hearted story about color.

*Pantone Colors by Pantone
This interesting color book shows the many pantone shades of each color followed by a simple example of the color displayed. All ages.

Pink is for Boys by Robb Pearlman
This book uses colors to help rethink and reframe stereotypes.

*Somewhere Over the Rainbow: Colors in Music Illustrated by Mike Byrne
This clever board book uses song titles to highlight colors Prince, Joni Mitchell, Van Morrison, Pink Floyd. Simple and fun. Infants and toddlers.
**Fun Learning Activities**

**Paper Towel Painting**
**Supplies:**
- Plastic tablecloth or shower curtain
- Paper towels
- Food coloring
- Paper cups
- Paintbrushes or eyedroppers or both

Cover a table with a plastic tablecloth or shower curtain. Cover that with paper towels so the entire table is covered. Mix food coloring with water and place cups of colors around the table. Put out paintbrushes or eyedroppers and encourage the children to make designs. Let dry and hang in the classroom.

**Rainbow Salt Tray**
**Supplies:**
- Shallow box
- Color paper in rainbow colors or paint
- Scissors
- Glue
- Large container of salt

Cut the construction paper into strips and glue them into the bottom of the shallow box in rainbow color order. Or paint the colors. Let dry. Pour salt into box to cover the colors completely. Encourage the children to use their fingers or small sticks or chopsticks to draw or write in the salt and explore the colors that show through the salt.

**Fireworks Paintings**
**Supplies:**
- Paper towel or toilet paper tubes
- Scissors
- Paint in bright colors
- Paper plates
- Black paper

Cut the bottom of the paper tubes into strips and splay them out like an upside-down flower. Pour paint onto paper plates and place the tubes onto them, coating them with paint. Encourage the children to stamp the splayed tubes onto the black paper to create fireworks!

**Did You Know?**
Children begin to notice skin color and hierarchies at a very young age. Have you been wondering how to begin talking with your children about race? The Sesame Workshop has all sorts of wonderful, developmentally appropriate resources to help support you in this critical work. Read and watch them here: [Racial Justice | Sesame Workshop](https://www.sesamestreet.org/racial-justice)

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**Rhyme & Poem of the Month**

*Blue is the Lake,*  
(point to the floor)

*Yellow is the sun*  
(point to the sky)

*Silver are the stars,*  
*When the day is done,*  
(wiggle fingers in the air)

*Red is the apple,*  
(make circle with hands)

*Green is the tree*  
(raise arms over head like branches)

*Brown is a cookie for you and me!*  
(rub tummy)

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*My skin is kind of sort of brownish*  
*Pinkish yellowish white.*

*My eyes are greyish blueish green,*  
*But I’m told they look orange in the night.*

*My hair is reddish blondish brown,*  
*But it’s silver when it’s wet.*

*And all the colors I am inside*  
*Have not been invented yet.*

-Shel Silverstein, *Where the Sidewalk Ends*