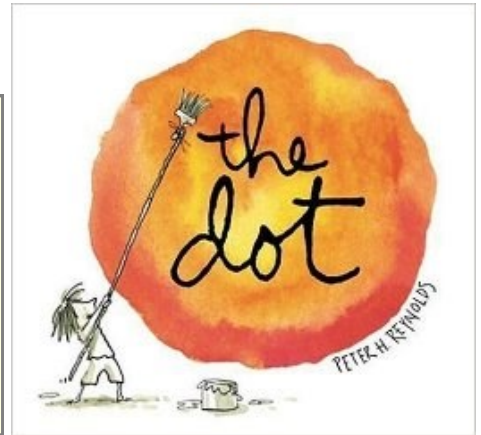


Books of the Month

The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds

Vashti doesn't believe that she can draw. Her teacher encourages her to put something on the paper and Vashti, in anger, stabs a dot onto the paper. What the brilliant teacher does next is a lesson for anyone who works with young people! This is a remarkable and inspiring book and should be shared with everyone!



Other fun books featuring Art

Perfect Square by Michael Hall—This imaginative book shows the many things that may be created with a square. Lots of art extension possibilities! Preschool.

Little Blue and Little Yellow by Leo Lionni—This adorable story, with blots of color for characters is also a wonderful introduction to color mixing. Preschool.

I Ain't Gonna Paint No More by Karen Beaumont—A raucous and funny rhyming book about a young girl and the chaos she causes her family by painting everything. A truly great read-aloud. Preschool

Bear's Picture by Daniel Pinkwater – Three distinguished gentlemen try to persuade Bear that his painting has no value, but to no avail. This is a wonderful book to underscore an artist enjoying creating art. Preschool.

Why is Blue Dog Blue? By George Rodrigue—Incredible book about color and an artist's approach to his work. Preschool and young school-age.

Beautiful Oops by Barney Saltzberg – An incredible lift-the-flap book featuring the beautiful art that emerges from mistakes . All ages.

Art and Max by David Weisner - The art experiments of one friend have unpredictable and hilarious results for the other friend in this terrific book about art and friendship. Young school-age.

Rhyme of the Month

Our Painting

We're making a painting, bright and bold

We paint on silver, we paint on gold

(Pretend to paint)

Hmm. It needs something.

What color shall we paint on next?

(Ask the children to choose a color.

Add this color to the painting and continue adding colors until the "painting" is done)

Poem of the Month

Dream Dust

Gather out of star-dust

Earth-dust,

Cloud-dust,

Storm-dust,

And splinters of hail,

One handful of dream-dust

Not for sale.

Langston Hughes

Chloe



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Learning Ideas for November:

Act out a Story

Some of your children may not be all that interested in visual arts, but may really enjoy dramatic arts! There are so many stories that lend themselves to having the children act them out. If your children have a favorite story, that might be a great one to act out first because they know it well.

Folk and fairy tales tend to be easy and fun to act out as well.

When children act out a story, they are building their vocabulary, practicing their narrative skills and retelling skills, and they are doing it all in a fun and entertaining way. Here are some stories

that are fun and easy to act out:

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Anansi Stories

The Little Red Hen

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Or try these books:

The Mitten by Jan Brett

Stone Soup by Marcia Brown

The Empty Pot by Demi

Mabela the Clever by Margaret Read MacDonald

Real Materials

Art can be made with limited purchased materials. Sticks and twigs, pebbles and rocks, tree bark, leaves, grass, moss, all these natural materials can be used in art projects.

Spread out sheets of colored paper, some glue and some natural materials and let the children create whatever they want.

Open ended experiences allow the children's creativity to flourish and THAT is the most beneficial (and fun!) aspect of art projects. It's not the **product** that matters, it's the **process**!

Enjoy!

Painting

Painting can be a messy affair, but there are so many excellent learning opportunities when children paint, that we encourage you to dive in! Here's an idea for a fun and unusual painting activity—pour watercolor paint into paper plates, spread out paper on the floor and let the children drive toy cars through the paint and onto the paper!



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(in the parents/caregivers section of the Kids/Teens menu)