

Colors Curriculum  
For Young Children—by Susan Ternyey

1. Red

- a. Art/fine motor skills
  - i. Cut and paste red (include heart shapes: small, medium, large)
  - ii. paint red (apples, if you like)
  - iii. stamps, stencils, colored pencils and crayons (notice how many different shades of red)
- b. Baby Einstein—da Vinci (body parts)
- c. Snack—choose from: red gelatin, tomatoes, strawberries, raspberries, pomegranate . . .
- d. Stories
  - i. The Little Red Hen—extension: grain to bread
  - ii. Little Red Riding Hood—extension: safety rules
  - iii. Clifford the Big Red Dog
- e. Songs
  - i. Little Red Caboose, Down by the Station
  - ii. Red Wing
  - iii. Little Robin Redbreast, or Rockin’ Robin
- f. Music/Movement/gross motor skills
  - i. Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
  - ii. Train songs/motions
- g. Play

Theme options: birds (esp. Robin Redbreast, Cardinal, red rooster, etc.), trains, breads/grains, gardening ...

2. Yellow

- a. Art/fine motor skills
  - i. Cut and paste yellow (include stars: big, bigger, biggest)
  - ii. Paint yellow
  - iii. Stamps, stencils, colored pencils and crayons
- b. Baby Einstein—Mozart; or Galileo (the Sky)
- c. Snack—choose from: yellow gelatin, bananas, yellow squash, yellow pepper . . .
- d. Stories
  - i. Curious George (the Man with the Big Yellow Hat)
  - ii. Biscuit
  - iii. Yellow Umbrella by Sheen & Liu; or, My Yellow Umbrella by Chris Robertson
- e. Songs
  - i. Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
  - ii. A-tisket, A-tasket, or She Wore a Yellow Ribbon
  - iii. We All Live in a Yellow Submarine, or, The Yellow Rose of Texas
- f. Music/Movement/Gross motor skills
  - i. Skipping/Skip to My Lou, My Darling
  - ii. Ring around the Rosies
- g. Play

Theme options: scopes/eyepieces, swinging, skip rope, ribbons, baskets, submarines, movie/music/sports stars, pets, stuffed animals, monkeys, bananas, monkey bars, umbrellas ...

### 3. Blue

- a. Art/fine motor skills
  - i. Cut and paste blue (include ovals: huge & tiny)
  - ii. Paint blue
  - iii. Stamps, stencils, colored pencils and crayons
- b. Baby Einstein—Neptune (water)
- c. Snack—blue gelatin, blue berries, blue corn chips . . .
- d. Stories
  - i. Blueberries for Sal (may need abridging for young kids)
  - ii. Blue and Other Colors: with Henri Matisse (First Concepts With Fine Artists)—BB
  - iii. Little Blue Truck, by Alice Schertle, or The Little Blue Digger and the Very Muddy Day by Harriet Tuppen
- e. Songs
  - i. Blue Eyes
  - ii. Blue Skies
  - iii. Blue Bayou
- f. Music/Movement/Gross motor skills
  - i. Ballet (opt. watch water ballet and imitate)
  - ii. Handel's Water Music
- g. Play

Theme options: sky, blue birds, blue butterflies, water, blue whales, blue fish, other blue animals, plants, food, trucks and diggers, ...

### 4. Orange

- a. Art/fine motor skills
  - i. Cut and paste orange (include circles: little, littler, littlest)
  - ii. Paint orange
  - iii. Stamps, stencils, colored pencils and crayons
- b. Baby Einstein—Vivaldi
- c. Snack—orange gelatin, pumpkins, carrots, oranges . . .
- d. Stories
  - i. The Love for Three Oranges?
  - ii. The Runaway Pumpkin, by SD Schindler; The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything, by Linda Williams
  - iii. Bugs Bunny's Carrot Machine, by Clark Carlisle (Little Golden Book)
- e. Songs
  - i. Oranges and Lemons say the bells of St. Clements (Random House Children's Treasury)
  - ii. Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater
  - iii. Carrot Stew
- f. Music/Movement/Gross motor skills
  - i. March from the Opera The Love for Three Oranges, by Prokofiev?
  - ii. Do the Bunny Hop (dance)
- g. Play

Theme options: ball games, drawing on oranges or pumpkins, pumpkin or orange rolling relay, marching band

## 5. Green

- a. Art/fine motor skills
  - i. Cut and paste green (include triangles: tall, medium, short)
  - ii. Paint green
  - iii. Stamps, stencils, colored pencils and crayons
- b. Baby Einstein—Neighborhood Animals
- c. Snack—green gelatin, broccoli trees, greens, green beans, lime . . .
- d. Stories
  - i. Jack and the Bean Stalk
  - ii. Green Eggs and Ham
  - iii. Frog and Toad
- e. Songs
  - i. The Green, Green Grass of Home
  - ii. It's Not That Easy Being Green (Kermit, the Frog), or, Frog Went a Courtin'
  - iii. The Unicorn
- f. Music/Movement/Gross motor skills
  - i. Irish music/jigs
  - ii. Frog hopping/leap frog
  - iii. Green Onions, by Booker T& the MG's (soul instrumental)
- g. Play

Theme options: emeralds, frogs, green amphibians & reptiles, green birds, plants/gardens

## 6. Purple

- a. Art/fine motor skills
  - i. Cut and paste purple (include same size different shape, & vice versa)
  - ii. Paint purple
  - iii. Stamps, stencils, colored pencils and crayons
- b. Baby Einstein—Newton (shapes)
- c. Snack—purple gelatin, purple grapes/grape juice/jam, purple plums . . .
- d. Stories
  - i. Harold and the Purple Crayon
  - ii. Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, by Kevin Henkes;  
or, Mr. Pine's Purple House by Leonard P. Kessler
  - iii. Purple Little Bird, by Greg Foley
- e. Songs
  - i. Little Purple Pansies
  - ii. Purple People Eater
  - iii. Little Jack Horner
- f. Music/Movement/Gross motor skills
  - i. Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies
  - ii. Deep Purple (1930s)
- g. Play

Theme options: drawing with sidewalk chalk, what do you eat?, build "houses/forts" ...

## 7. Pink

- a. Art/fine motor skills
  - i. Cut and paste pink (include lines: long, longer, longest)
  - ii. Paint pink and purple plaid
  - iii. Stamps, stencils, colored pencils and crayons
- b. Baby Einstein—Shakespeare (baby vocab); or sign language (Wordsworth)
- c. Snack—pink gelatin, pink punch/pink lemonade, pink grapefruit, shrimp . . .
- d. Stories
  - i. Three Little Pigs; The Three Pigs by David Wiesner (Caldecott Medal)
  - ii. The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs! By Jon Scieszka
  - iii. Little Pink Pup, by Johanna Kerby, or, If You Give a Pig a Pancake
- e. Songs
  - i. Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?
  - ii. Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears, by Emily Gravett (Kate Greenaway Medal)
  - iii. There's Something in My Attic, by Mercer Mayer, or, There's An Alligator Under My Bed, by Mercer Mayer
- f. Music/Movement/Gross motor skills
  - i. Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White (Latin American dance)
  - ii. Flamingo (1910 ragtime)
  - iii. The Carnival of Animals, Finale by Saint-Saens—Disney's "Fantasia", flamingos
  - iv. The Pink Panther Theme—Henry Mancini & His Orchestra
- g. Play

Theme options: line dancing, carnivals, panthers, wolves, Flamingos, shadow play on the walls . . .

## 8. Brown

- a. Art/fine motor skills
  - i. Cut and paste brown (include squares, checkerboard pattern)
  - ii. Paint brown
  - iii. Stamps, stencils, colored pencils and crayons
- b. Baby Einstein—Beethoven
- c. Snack—brownies, browned meat, kiwi, coconut (don't judge by cover!) . . .
- d. Stories
  - i. Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?
  - ii. Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?
  - iii. Chowder, by Peter Brown
- e. Songs
  - i. The Bear Went Over the Mountain, or I Met a Bear (102 Children's Songs)
  - ii. John Brown's Baby, Farmer Brown's Cow, or Turkey in the Straw
  - iii. Mrs. Brown You've Got a Lovely Daughter
- f. Music/Movement/Gross motor skills
  - i. Square dance
  - ii. Sweet Georgia Brown by Django Reinhardt (1930s jazz instrumental)
- g. Play

Theme options: checkers, I Spy, Hide & Go Seek, animal sounds/charades, Noah's Ark, farms, bears

## 9. Grey

- a. Art/fine motor skills
  - i. Cut and paste grey (include rectangles, tall, taller, tallest)
  - ii. Paint grey
  - iii. Stamps, stencils, colored pencils and crayons
- b. Baby Einstein—Bach
- c. Snack—fish? . . .
- d. Stories
  - i. The Three Billy Goats Gruff
  - ii. The Tales of Little Grey Rabbit, by Alison Uttley (1884-1976)
  - iii. Little Grey Donkey by Alice Lunt, or, Yummy, Yummy by Judith Grey
- e. Songs
  - i. The Old Grey Mare
  - ii. Go Tell Aunt Rhody, or, The Fox (English folk song from 15<sup>th</sup> Cent.)
  - iii. Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams
- f. Music/Movement/Gross motor skills
  - i. Rolling: lying down, somersault . . .
  - ii. Make up an obstacle course—things to go over, under, around, through . . .
- g. Play

Theme options: goats, geese, horses, bunnies, donkeys, rhinoceroses . . .

## 10. Silver

- a. Art/fine motor skills
  - i. Cut and paste silver (include bell shapes)
  - ii. Silver glitter/glitter glue
  - iii. Stamps, stencils, colored pencils and crayons
- b. Baby Einstein—Galileo (the sky)
- c. Snack—foil wrapped chocolate kisses/bells . . .
- d. Stories
  - i. Silver Rain Brown, by Mary-Claire Helldorfer, or, The Silver Button by Bob Graham
  - ii. Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns
  - iii. Golden Ax & Silver Ax (Korean Folktales), by Dongwol KimRoberson
- e. Songs
  - i. Silver and Gold
  - ii. Silver Bells
  - iii. By the Light of the Silvery Moon, or, That Silver Haired Daddy of Mine
- f. Music/Movement/Gross motor skills
  - i. Rolling: lying down, somersault . . .
  - ii. Pretend to be a woodcutter: chop the tree, gather the wood, carry it home . . .
- g. Play

Theme options: all kinds of bells, silverware, woodcutters, wood, woodworkers,

## 11. Gold

- a. Art/fine motor skills
  - i. Cut and paste gold (include diamonds)
  - ii. Gold glitter/glitter glue
  - iii. Stamps, stencils, colored pencils and crayons
- b. Baby Einstein—Language Nursery
- c. Snack—goldfish, gold-wrapped goodies?, golden honey, Golden Delicious apples, Apricots: Flora Gold, Brittany Gold, Puget Gold, Early Golden, Tropic Gold; golden hominy, golden kiwi
- d. Stories
  - i. Goldilocks and the Three Bears
  - ii. Rumpelstiltskin
  - iii. Rapunzel—extension: coveting
- e. Songs
  - i. Take Me Out to the Ball Game
  - ii. Lets Go Fly a Kite
  - iii. Diamond Girl
- f. Music/Movement/Gross motor skills
  - i. Rolling: lying down, somersault . . .
  - ii. Sports charades
- g. Play

Theme options: jewels and jewelry, role play one of the stories with creative license (what would you do?), hairstyles, baseball, kites . . .

## 12. Black & White

- a. Art/fine motor skills
  - i. Cut and paste white stripes on black paper, black stripes on white paper
  - ii. Paint black on white and white on black (or, chalk and markers)
  - iii. Stamps, stencils, colored pencils and crayons
- b. Baby Einstein—World Animals
- c. Snack—cottage cheese, olives, black beans, mozzarella . . .
- d. Stories
  - i. Snow White
  - ii. Snow White and Rose Red
  - iii. (Black Beauty; Black Knight; Nighttime Creatures)
- e. Songs
  - i. Baa, Baa Black Sheep
  - ii. The World is Black, The World is White
  - iii. Black Hills of Dakota (Doris Day: Calamity Jane)
- f. Music/Movement/Gross motor skills
  - i. Rock n Roll
  - ii. Chubby Checker twist
- g. Play

Theme options: piano/keyboard, mimes, zebras, sheep, penguins, skunks, roads, checks and checkers

## Foods by Color

### **Red**

Apples  
Beans  
Beets  
Cherries  
Cranberries  
Currants  
Grapes  
Pomegranates  
Radishes  
Raspberries  
Rhubarb  
Red onions  
Red peppers  
Red plums  
Strawberries  
Tomatoes  
Watermelon

### **Orange**

Apricots  
Butternut squash  
Cantaloupe  
Carrots  
Mango  
Nectarines  
Oranges  
Orange peppers  
Peaches  
Papaya  
Pumpkin  
Persimmons  
Yam

### **Yellow**

Banana  
Butter  
Cheese  
Corn  
Ginger  
Golden kiwi  
Lemon  
Pears  
Pineapple  
Potato  
Star fruit

Turmeric  
Yellow pepper  
Yellow squash  
Yellow tomatoes  
Yellow watermelon  
Yellow wax beans

**Green**

Artichokes  
Asparagus  
Avocado  
Broccoli  
Brussels sprouts  
Cabbage  
Celery  
Cilantro  
Grapes  
Greens  
Green apples  
Green beans  
Green onions  
Green pepper  
Honeydew  
Kale  
kiwi  
Lettuce  
Lima beans  
Limes  
Okra  
Parsley  
Peas  
Spinach  
Watercress  
Wheatgrass  
zucchini

**Blue**

Blueberries  
Blue cheese  
Blue corn  
Blue popcorn  
Blue potatoes  
Grapes (Concord)  
Prunes

**Purple**

Asparagus



Cabbage  
Carrots  
Corn (tortillas/chips)  
Eggplant  
Elderberries  
Grapes  
Onions  
Prunes/Plums  
Potatoes  
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**White**

Beans  
Beansprouts  
Cauliflower  
Coconut  
Cottage cheese  
Onions  
Leeks  
Fennel  
Jicama  
Kohlrabi  
Mushrooms  
Onions  
Parsnips  
Potatoes  
Tofu  
Turnips  
Water chestnuts  
Yogurt

**Black**

Beans  
Blackberries  
Currants  
Olives  
Wild rice

## **Little Robin Redbreast**

<http://kididdles.net/lyrics/1097.html>

Little Robin Redbreast  
Sat up in a tree,  
Up climbed sneaky Kitty Cat,  
"It's lunchtime!" thought he.  
Robin Redbreast saw him come,  
And quickly flew away,  
Said Little Robin Redbreast,  
"You won't eat me today!"

Little Robin Redbreast  
Flew up to a wall,  
Kitty tried to follow  
But the wall was too tall!  
Little Robin laughed and chirped,  
And what did Kitty say?  
"Meow, meow, I guess there won't be  
Any lunch for me today!"

## **Red River Valley**

Adapted for young children's comprehension by ST

Come and sit by my side, if you love me.  
Do not hurry to tell me good-bye.  
But remember the Red River Valley,  
For I'll be lonely, and missing your smile.

**Additional Songs:**

Little Red Wagon  
Red Leaves, Gold Leaves  
Three Cheers for the Red, White, and Blue  
Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer  
Snoopy vs The Red Baron  
Little Red Riding Hood  
Red River Valley  
Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head  
Roses are Red, My Love  
Red Roses for a Blue Lady  
Red Sails in the Sunset  
Lady in Red

When You Wish Upon a Star  
Would You Like to Swing on a Star  
Cinderella, Dressed in Yellow  
She Wore a Yellow Ribbon  
Tie a Yellow Ribbon 'Round the Old Oak Tree  
Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini  
(The Wheels on the [School] Bus)  
Rubber Duckie

There'll be bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover  
I Had an Old Dog and His Name was Blue  
Blue Shadows on the Trail  
The Blue Tail Fly (Jimmy Crack Corn)  
Don't it Make my Brown Eyes Blue?  
Blue Christmas  
Song Sung Blue  
Love is Blue  
Blue Suede Shoes

Five Little Pumpkins

Frog Went A-Courtin'/A Frog He Would a-Wooing Go  
Greensleeves  
The Green Grass Grew All Around  
Ballad of the Green Beret  
Wearin' o' the Green  
Green Tambourine

This Little Pig  
The Pink Panther theme by Henry Mancini

I Heard it Through the Grape Vine  
Lavender's Blue?

Goober Peas  
Bad, Bad Leroy Brown  
Brown Eyed Handsome Man

Three Blind Mice

Black Magic Woman  
The Leatherwing Bat  
Blackbird (Beatles)

Make New Friends, but keep the old . . .  
By the Light of the Silvery Moon  
Silver Threads Among the Gold  
Cat's In The Cradle  
Lonely People (by America)  
The Silver-tongued Devil & I (Kris Kristofferson)  
Fields of Gold  
Goldfinger (James Bond theme)  
Heart of Gold (Neil Simon)

## **Nursery Rhymes**

### **Red**

Ring Around the Rosies  
Curly Locks, Curly Locks  
Little Robin Redbreast  
The Queen of Hearts  
Roses are Red, Violets are Blue  
Ladybug, Ladybug  
A Cherry (riddle)—Dick Redcap, stick in hand, stone in throat . . .  
When the Snow is on the Ground (Rand McNally, The Real Mother Goose)

### **Yellow**

Mary Had a Pretty Bird, feathers bright and yellow  
I See the Moon  
The Man in the Moon  
The Moon (The Random House Children's Treasury)  
Hey Diddle, Diddle  
Star Light, Star Bright  
The Child and the Star

### **Blue**

Oh, Dear, What Can the Matter Be?  
Little Boy Blue  
Little Betty Blue lost her holiday shoe  
The Old Woman Who Lived by the Sea  
Little Drops of Water  
I'm Glad the Sky is Painted Blue  
The Whale (Random House Children's Treasury)

### **Orange**

Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater

### **Green**

Rock-a-bye, Baby  
Pease Porridge Hot  
Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers  
Mr. Frog (Random House Children's Treasury)

### **Purple**

Little Jack Horner  
Handy Spandy, Jack a Dandy

### **Pink**

This Little Pig Went to Market  
Tom, Tom, The Piper's Son  
To Market, To Market to buy a fat pig  
Barber, Barber, Shave a Pig

**Brown**

Old Mother Hubbard  
Where, O Where, has my little dog gone?  
Speak Kindly  
A Riddle—Two legs sat upon three legs . . .  
There Was an Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe  
A Wise Old Owl  
Jenny Wren Was Wed  
If I Had Donkey  
Hot Cross Buns

**Grey**

Little Polly Flinders  
Three Blind Mice  
Hickory Dickory Dock  
Three Little Mice  
This Little Mousie peeped within . . .  
A Farmer Went Trotting upon his grey mare  
I Had a Little Pony, his name was Dapple-Grey  
Gray Goose and Gray Gander  
One Misty, Moisty Morning

**Silver**

Mistress Mary, Quite Contrary  
I Had Little Nut Tree  
Bobby shaftoe's gone to sea  
Cushy Cow  
A Dillar, A Dollar  
"Wynken, Blynken, & Nod" by Eugene Field (also a Walt Disney short; song by Carly Simon & sister;  
Buffy Sainte-Marie ("Sweet America" album, 1976; Doobie Brothers; Fred Penner; Cass Elliot; . . .)  
See a pin, pick it up  
1,2,3,4,5, I caught a fish alive

**Gold**

I Had Little Nut Tree  
Sing, Sing, What shall I sing?

**Black**

Hickety Pickety, My Black Hen  
Baa, Baa, Black Sheep  
Bobby Shaftoe Has a Cow  
Sing a Song of Sixpence  
Little Miss Muffet  
Eensy, Weensy Spider  
A Farmer Went Trotting upon his grey mare  
The Three Crows

**White**

Little Miss Muffet

Bobby Shaftoe Has a Cow

A Cow—Four stiff-standers . . .

Humpty Dumpty

Mary Had a Little Lamb

Little Bo Peep

Ride a Cock-Horse

## **Fables, Folk, and Fairy Tales & Children's Stories**

### **Red**

Little Red Riding Hood  
Little Red Hen  
Henny Penny  
The Fox and the Stork (Aesop)  
The Fox and the Bramble (Aesop)  
The Greedy Fox (Aesop)  
The Wild Boar and the Fox (Aesop)  
The Crab and His Mother (Aesop)  
The Two Crabs (Aesop)

### **Yellow**

Rapunzel  
The Wind and the Sun (Aesop)  
The Beekeeper and the Bees (Aesop)  
The Lamp (Aesop)  
The Hunter and the Woodsman (Aesop)

### **Blue**

Pinocchio (the blue fairy, sea, whale)  
Little Mermaid (the sea)  
The Monster at the End of this Book: starring lovable, furry old Grover  
The Astronomer (Aesop)  
The Dog and His Reflection (Aesop)

### **Orange**

### **Green**

Peter Pan  
The Princess and the Pea  
The Hare and the Tortoise  
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein  
The Grasshopper and the Ants (Aesop)  
The Ox and the Frogs (Aesop)  
The Quack Frog (Aesop)  
The Hare and the Tortoise (Aesop)  
Jupiter and the Tortoise (Aesop)

### **Purple**

The Fox and the Grapes (Aesop)

### **Pink**

The Three Little Pigs  
The Swineherd  
The Pig and the Sheep (Aesop)  
A Boy Bathing (Aesop)  
The Emperor's New Clothes



## **Brown**

Beauty and the Beast (the beast)  
The Three Bears  
The Gingerbread Man  
(Hansel & Gretel)  
The Big Brown Bear (Golden Book)  
(Sammy the Seal by Syd Hoff)  
Jupiter and the Monkey (Aesop)  
The Donkey and His Shadow (Aesop)  
The Lark and the Farmer (Aesop)  
The Gnat and the Bull (Aesop)  
The Oxen and the Wagon (Aesop)  
The Mouse and the Bull (Aesop)  
The Boy and the Hazelnuts (Aesop)  
A Man and His Sons (Aesop)  
The Travellers and the Plane Tree (Aesop)  
The Trees and the Axe (Aesop)  
The Stag at the Pool (Aesop)  
The Fortune Teller (Aesop)  
The Soldier and His Horse (Aesop)  
Hercules and the Wagoner (Aesop)  
The Hound and the Lion (Aesop)  
The Oak and the Reeds (Aesop)

## **Grey**

Three Billy Goats Gruff  
The Fisherman and His Wife  
The Pied Piper of Hamelin  
Puss in Boots  
The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse  
The Boy Who Cried Wolf  
The Lion and the Mouse  
Dumbo  
Horton the elephant  
Oliver by Syd Hoff (elephant)  
(Sammy the Seal by Syd Hoff)  
Peter and the Wolf  
The Magic Stone/Stone Soup  
The Mice and the Weasels (Aesop)  
The Mice in Council/Belling the Cat (Aesop)  
The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing (Aesop)  
The Goatherd and the Goat (Aesop)  
The Wolf and the Horse (Aesop)  
The Boy and the Wolf (Aesop)  
The Wolf and the Goat (Aesop)

**Silver**

The Sword in the Stone  
The Piping Fisherman (Aesop)

**Gold**

The Golden Goose  
Rumpelstilzkin  
Goldilocks  
Aladin and the Wonderful Lamp  
Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves  
King Midas  
The Goose That Laid the Golden Eggs (Aesop)  
Mercury and the Woodsman (Aesop)  
The Two Pots (Aesop)

**Black**

101 Dalmations  
Jungle Book (bagheera the black panther, & baloo the bear)  
Sleeping Beauty (evil fairy & dragon)  
The Spider and the Fly  
My Shadow  
Anansi  
The Caged Bird and the Bat (Aesop)  
The Birds, the Beasts, and the Bat (Aesop)  
The Fox and the Crow (Aesop)  
The Crow and the Water Jug (Aesop)  
The Eagle and the Beetle (Aesop)

**White**

101 Dalmations  
Snow White  
Snow White & Rose Red  
The Snow Queen  
The Wild Swans  
The Ugly Duckling  
The Goose Girl  
Alice in Wonderland (white rabbit)  
The Mitten by Jan Brett  
Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening (Robert Frost, ill. Susan Jeffers)  
Footprints in the Snow by Cynthia Benjamin (level 1 reader)  
Over the River and Through the Woods

## **Bibliography—books & media**

### **Red**

Big red lollipop / Khan, Rukhsana—more about siblings than red  
The red scarf / Villeneuve, Anne—mostly wordless story, good for developing thinking skills  
Red sled / Thomas, Patricia—excellent simple phonics, rhyming, chiasmus, Dad & lad find fun together  
Holly's red boots / Chessa, Francesca  
The stranger and the red rooster / El forastero y el gallo rojo / Villaseñor, Victor—accepting people with differences, even ugliness  
Let's Play Music/Sesame Street Elmo's World DVD (entertaining for young ones, and informative)

### **Yellow**

Amarillo : mira el amarillo que te rodea / Schuette, Sarah L (great bilingual series inclu: yellow, red, blue, purple)  
BB YELLOW (excellent; babyeyelike series inclu: red, yellow, blue., orange, square . . .)  
Yellow / Harris, Nancy (excellent photos, simple text; Acorn series inclu: black, blue, brown, green orange, red, violet, white, yellow, comparing colors)  
Yellow / Bruce, Lisa (excellent photos, some science; Raintree Sprouts series also: blue, green, red)  
Big yellow sunflower / Barry, Frances (pages open up each step of the growing process to a big sunflower)  
One yellow daffodil : a Hanukkah story / Adler, David A (intermediate grades; touching story)  
Hide and seek in the yellow house / Rose, Agatha  
Yolanda's yellow school / Asbury, Kelly (simplified illustrations in black and yellow, brief text, follows Yolanda's day at school; series inclu: Bonnie's Blue House, Rusty's Red Vacation)  
Little Blue and Little Yellow, by Leo Lionni

### **Blue**

Blue un dia de lluvia/Deborah Reber (delightful, excellent simple story in Spanish about the character Blue)  
A contar con Blue/Lauryn Silverhardt  
(very cute, simple, & rhyming boardbook in Spanish, with the character Blue)  
Azul : mira el azul que te rodea / Schuette, Sarah L (see Amarillo, same author, above)  
Blue and Purple Foods/Isabel Thomas (Colors We Eat series inclu: black, brown, green, orange, pink, red, white, yellow, Food ABC, Sorting Foods)  
In a blue room / Averbek, Jim (only as night falls the room turns blue; question, anticipation . . .)  
Dog Blue / Dunbar, Polly (simple humorous story; dog is not blue)  
Blue / Bruce, Lisa (see Yellow, same author, above)  
Blue / Salzmann, Mary Elizabeth (excellent simple reader with great photos; series inclu: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple)  
Bonnie's blue house / Asbury, Kelly (simplified illustrations in black and blue, brief text, family life, summer)  
Blue un día de lluvia / Reber, Deborah (Spanish; excellent story for young children, simple, thinking skills, etc.)  
Way down deep in the deep blue sea / Peck, Jan (cute idea, ugly illustrations; pretending in the tub)  
Blucy: The Blue Cat by Julia Dweck

### **Orange**

Orange/Mary Elizabeth Salzmann (see Blue, same author, above)  
Orange/Nancy Harris (see Yellow, same author, above)  
Orange Foods/Patricia Whitehouse (Colors We Eat series)  
An Orange in January/Dianna Hutts Aston (orange blossoms to child sharing an orange in January)  
Oranges/Zack Rogow (clearing the land to consumer, including different languages spoken along the way)  
Each Orange Had 8 Slices/Paul gigantic, Jr. (a little more advanced counting book; can be used to talk about addition and grouping)

### **Green**

Green/Nancy Harris (see Yellow, same author)  
The Frogs and Toads All Sang/Arnold Lobel (rather silly, short and simple rhymes)  
St. Patrick's Day/Molly Aloian (about a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level, lots of good information, though not well organized; series includes Canada Day, Chinese New Year, Christmas, Cinco de Mayo, Constitution Day, Day of the Dead, Diwali, Earth Day, Easter, Halloween, Hanukkah, Holi, Independence Day, Kwanzaa, Mardi

Gras and Carnival, MLK Jr. Day, Passover, Presidents' Day, Ramadan, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day)

### **Purple**

The Purple Coat/Amy Hest (great story, needs adapting for young children)  
Morado; Mira el morado que te rodea/Sarah L. Schuette (see Amarillo by same author, above)  
The Purple Hat/Tracey Campbell Pearson (good for a girl that loves purple)  
The Perfect Purple Feather/Hanoch Piven (rhyming imaginative story illustrated with what appears to be recycle art—interesting, if not very pretty)  
Purple Mountain Majesties/Barbara Younger (biography of writer of "America the Beautiful"; very nice, intermediate grades)  
The Purple Kangaroo/Michael Ian Black (story develops more and more far-fetched . . .)  
Purple, Green and Yellow, by Robert Munsch

### **Pink**

Pink Foods/Isabel Thomas (Colors We Eat series, see Bue and Purple Foods by same author, above)  
Pink Princess Cookbook/Barbara Beery (not all recipes are pink, but sweet or appropriate for a tea party; intermediate age children with adult supervision/help)  
The Hinky Pink: an old tale retold/Megan McDonald (would need a simplified, spirited retelling for young children, but a delightful little princess & seamstress story—about 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level, nice illustrations)  
The Pink House at the Seashore/Deborah Blumenthal (a story of adapting to sad changes; intermediate level, needing considerable adaptation for youngest listeners)  
Meet the Pink Panther/Hope Freleng Shaw and Sybil Freleng Bergman (a fanciful story of how the Pink Panther came to be, by the daughters of one of the original creators; primary or intermediate level interest)  
Pink Pigs Aplenty/Sandy Nightingale (great for counting & the letter P)  
Pink Me Up/Charise Mericle Harper (cute story, ugly illustrations and font)  
Double Pink/Kate Feiffer (good for a girl who loves pink; probably a retell story for young children)  
Perfect The Pig/Reading Rainbow DVD (from the PBS series; great pig footage; story may be above young ones)

### **Brown**

### **Grey**

### **Silver**

### **Gold**

### **Black and White**

Black out! : animals that live in the dark / Clarke, Ginjer L.  
Black? white! day? night! : a book of opposites *1st ed.* / Seeger, Laura Vaccaro  
Little black crow *1st ed.* / Raschka, Christopher  
Little Black, a pony = Líshzhiin Yázhí *1st ed.* / Farley, Walter  
Black meets white / Fontes, Justine  
The story of Little Black Sambo *1st ed.* / Bannerman, Helen  
Sam and the tigers : a new telling of Little Black Sambo *1st ed.* / Lester, Julius.  
Where is Little Black Kitten? *1st U.S. ed.* / Miller, Virginia  
Black cat / Myers, Christopher A  
Bold and bright, black-and-white animals / Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw  
Black, white, just right! / Davol, Marguerite W.  
Big Black Bear / Yee, Wong Herbert  
Black Bear Cub *1st ed.* / Lind, Al,  
Black crow, black crow / Guy, Ginger Foglesong  
Black and white / Macaulay, David.  
Ten black dots *1st ed.* / Crews, Donald.  
The Peanuts Grand Piano Book/Charles M. Schulz (has a keyboard, good for Peanuts fans)

### **Color Combinations**

Red & Green = rojo + verde/Jill Hartley ("wordless" boardbook celebrating Mexico's vibrant colors)

Purple, Green and Yellow/Robert Munsch (a cute story about a girl that colors herself with indelible markers; although includes repetition, somewhat involved for very young children—and who knows what it will inspire!)

Blue Potatoes, Orange Tomatoes/Rosalind Creasy (How to grow a rainbow garden, includes recipes)

Yellow & Pink/William Steig (amusing simple story vs the theory of evolutions, without outright saying so; primary age or higher comprehension/discussion level)

Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh

### **General Learning Media**

Brainy Baby Laugh and Learn DVD (targets ages 6-36 months; entertaining & educational)

Titles for 6 mos to 4 years: Right Brain, Left Brain, Laugh & Learn, Peek a Boo (brain development)

Titles for 1-5 years: Shapes & Colors, Animals, French, Spanish, English (languages to 6+ years)

Titles for ages 2+: ABCs, 123s, Art, Music

The James Marshall Fairytale Collection/Scholastic Storybook Treasures DVD (includes Red Riding Hood, Cinderella, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs, Hansel & Gretel, The Space Case—the latter a cute little tale of a space ship that comes at Halloween; may be above little ones' attention, illustrations ok, stories retold ok)

Bebé/Susan Middleton Elya DVD includes two delightful bilingual (English/Spanish) rhyming stories read less than sensationally by the author: Bebé Goes Shopping, Bebé Goes to the Beach)

I Stink!/Kate & Jim McMullan DVD (Scholastic; about a garbage truck, includes an alphabet of garbage; clever and perfect for kids who like to "Yuck" it up.)

I Lost My Tooth in Africa/Penda Diakite DVD (Reading Rainbow PBS series; episode about growing up includes a trip to the dentist and various traditions of losing a tooth and rites of passage; a bit above young ones)