Books we shared today:

**My Favorite Color: I Can Only Pick One?**
by Aaron Becker

**Play With Paint!**
by Jenny Pinkerton

**Baby Sees Colors!**
by Akio Kashiwara

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Reading Readiness Tips:

Reading for 20 minutes a day with a child is a great reading goal. For toddlers, focus on rhythm, repetition and rhyme to promote early literacy. Continuing this practice in preschool and beyond exposes children to over a million words a year, which is linked to a robust vocabulary.

Songs like “Rainbow” have a lot of benefits linked to writing. When students make shapes with their bodies, (as they do when they make the “sun” and the “arc”) they are learning how to form that shape, which they will use to make later on.

Incorporating these 2 practices into your routine will help children be more prepared to read and succeed!

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Lesson Extensions

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<td>Every year, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh celebrates summer reading. Many families may only think summer reading programs are for school age children, since a big focus of these programs is preventing the academic “summer slide” of up to three months of reading progress. But Summer Reading is for people of all ages, even adults (even you, dear teacher!). For the summer of 2021, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is challenging residents of all ages to read five books (if you read a book to a child, that counts too!). For more information go to <a href="http://www.carnegielibrary.org/summer">www.carnegielibrary.org/summer</a>. A convenient app called Beanstack can help you log your books read, you can even just scan a book’s ISBN number to enter it.</td>
<td>While coding sounds like a realm only for “big kids”, the foundations are built in early childhood. Sorting and classifying help young children to organize and understand language. Children need to be able to identify what characteristic to sort by (in this case, color), to physically sort the objects, and then to explain their rational for their choices. Gather a collection of objects in your room of various colors. During circle time, distribute one object to each child, and ask them to place in a special bin by color. You can redistribute the objects and change the sorting criteria (toys with wheels, etc), or do this activity as a station.</td>
<td>Ziploc bags 2 colors of primary color tempera paint Masking or painter’s tape (optional) shaving cream Lay a Ziploc bag flat and add a tablespoon or more of each color of paint at opposite sides of the bag. Add shaving cream for an extra sensory effect. Seal the bag and tape edges flat to a table. Encourage children to explore the paint with their fingers, or use popsicle sticks or other instruments to create line.</td>
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