



# Stark County Board of DD Early Intervention Newsletter

September 2021

## playgroup

I AM AN ARTIST is the theme this month. Join us on Tuesdays @ 10AM all month for fun painting activities!

September 7th

Art at the Park

Squirt Bottle Painting

Join us at the park to create a masterpiece using paint filled squirt bottles and squirt guns. We will have the paint, paper, and some items to squirt with (you are welcome to bring your own squirters to use). While the paint dries on your masterpiece we can play on the playground together.

IN-PERSON @ Veteran's Park (Plain Township)



September 14th

Coloring Mixing in a Bag  
Sensory Play

You won't want to miss MESS FREE painting this week! We will explore paint with our fingers through a Ziploc bag while watching the colors mix together and change as we move our fingers across and through the paint.



September 21st

Kindness Rock Painting at the Park

This week we will paint rocks to spread joy & kindness. After the rocks are painted and dry, parents can write a message on the rock. If you want to you can leave the rock somewhere in the park or your neighborhood for someone else to find and enjoy.

IN-PERSON @ Jackson Park or VIRTUAL

September 28th

Kids in the Kitchen

Rainbows & Dots Bread

This week we will combine painting and making a snack to make beautiful dots and rainbow bread together to enjoy for snack. You will need a slice of bread, paintbrush, sugar, food coloring gel, and water.



This month we will be exploring paint at...

September 7th

Veteran's Park

1714 Schneider St NE,  
Canton  
(Plain Township)

September 21st

Jackson Park

7660 Fulton Rd NW  
Massillon

FOR IN-PERSON PLAYGROUPS



## HOW ARE WE DOING?

### Family Satisfaction Survey Your Input Matters!

We'd like to encourage all families to please take this opportunity to let the state know your level of satisfaction with the services you received or are currently receiving and whether Early Intervention has helped your family. The survey should only take 5-10 minutes to complete and gives you the opportunity to provide additional information about what worked well, what could work better, and what has had the biggest impact on your family.

All families who were receiving services as of June 1st should have received a satisfaction survey from the state. If you have not done so yet you can complete the questionnaire online using the following link: <https://bit.ly/2TYJp1M> or by scanning the QR code too the right. You will need your child's ETID # to complete this which can be found on your child's IFSP or by contacting your family's service coordinator or Regina @ (330) 479-3448 (Service coordinator supervisor).



# August Family Fun... I AM AN ARTIST!

## Squirt Painting

This is a fun art experience the whole family can have fun with but is one to enjoy outdoors in an open space for easier clean-up. You can use anything that squirts water to squirt paint with - bath or pool squirt toys, squeeze bottles (any kind of empty container such as an old ketchup bottle, dish soap or shampoo bottles, etc.), spray bottles, squirt bottles and guns, water guns and blasters, basters, etc.). Any kind of paint can be used just make sure it is well diluted so that it doesn't clog the nozzle. You will need to be able to hang your paper to squirt paint. You can try a clothes line or string, a very thin tree branch, a tree trunk, or an easel.

You will need:

Paint

Water

Paper

Something to squirt (see suggestions)

clips, tape, or tacks to hang-up



Now, hang your paper, fill up your squirters with paint and squirt your paper. If your child is unable to squeeze the trigger hard enough try using a squeeze bottle. Point out how the paint drips and mixes with other colors. When finished let dry.

## Rainbow Bread

You will need:

Granulated sugar

Gel food coloring

water

White bread

Plastic bowls

Paint brushes



This is a simple snack and expressive art activity all in one. You will only need a few simple ingredients to make this edible paint recipe. Measurements are not exact for this but I suggest starting with a tablespoon of sugar, a squeeze of gel food coloring and a tablespoon of very warm water then mix it well in a small bowl. The warmer the water the easier the sugar will dissolve, you want it to be a syrupy consistency. If you still have sugar crystals add a few more drops of water. Basically, if it is too sugary (undissolved sugar) add water; if it is too watery add more sugar. The end result should be a sweet and colorful paint. Give your child a paint brush and let them create their masterpiece. Once they are done they can eat it right away or you can toast it in the toaster first.

## Mess-Free Paint in a Bag Sensory Play

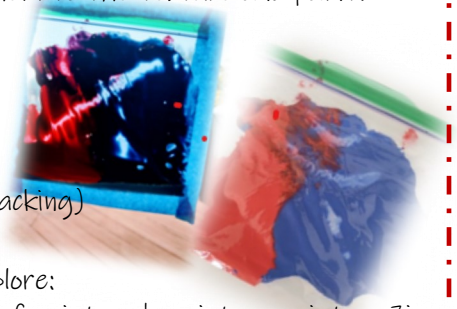
This is a great MESS FREE way to introduce your child to painting that also includes color mixing, and sensory input. There are so many fun ways to explore and use these bags. If your child tends to avoid this type of texture this is a simple way to introduce them to the texture and paint.

You will need:

Large Ziploc Bags

Paint- several colors

Tape (Duct, Masking or packing)



Setting up to play and explore:

First, choose a few colors of paint and squirt some into a Ziploc bag. Next, remove the extra air from the bag by pressing it out then seal the bag. You can hand the bag to your child to explore or tape the bag to the window, table, wall, or even the floor (be sure to tape all 4 sides down to explore on the window, table, or floor). Be sure to use washable paint and either double bag or use heavy duty bags as their little fingers can sometime tear holes in the bags. I would suggest taping the zipper area shut too.

Here are some ideas to get you started exploring...

Begin with 2 colors to explore color mixing. Yellow + Blue = Green, Red + Blue = Purple, Yellow + Red = Orange, Red + white = Pink. You can add white to any color to make a lighter shade of the color.

Hand the bag to your child to explore. Show them how to squeeze the bag to mix colors.

Use your fingers to show your child how to create lines and shapes in the paint to mix colors.

Add small smooth objects inside the bag with the paint to push around with their fingers.

Cut a piece of paper down so that it will fit into the bag before adding the paint. When they are done playing you can remove the paper (scraping off any excess paint) leaving you with a colorful piece of abstract art to display.

Use aluminum foil or bubble wrap inside the bag for an added texture.

Add little animals, people or cars show them how the animals /people leave footprints and the cars leave tire tracks in the paint.

Put the paint in the refrigerator to explore cold paint for an added sensory component.

What else could you use? Be creative the possibilities are endless! You can also leave these out for kids to revisit later in the day.



## Painted Kindness Rocks

Kindness rocks are rocks of any shape or size decorated with paint that may have a kind message written on them. The idea is to hide the rock somewhere in your neighborhood for someone else to find and enjoy. Finding a beautiful rock can brighten someone's day even if there is no message on it.

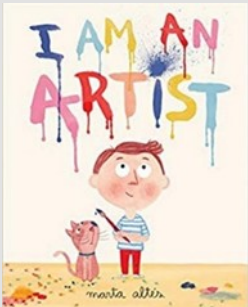
You will need:

Smooth rocks  
Acrylic paint &/or  
paint pens  
Paint brushes



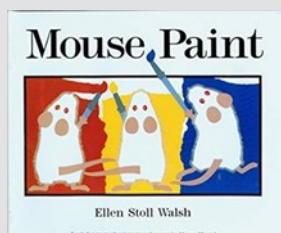
First find a rock or rocks, wash, then let them dry. While your rocks are drying gather your paint and paintbrushes and find an area to work. You may want to protect the surface of the area from paint with paper or a paper plate. Paint your rocks any color or colors you choose; there is no right or wrong way. You can even paint pictures like a rainbow or sun on the rocks. Help your child add a message to their rock with a paint pen or permanent marker once the paint has dried. Here are some ideas for messages— be kind, be happy, you can do it, have a good day, etc. (keep it simple). If you are choosing to hide your rocks for someone else to find you could place them at a local park, in your neighborhood, along a trail, or create a painted rock garden at your own home.

## BOOKS TO READ...

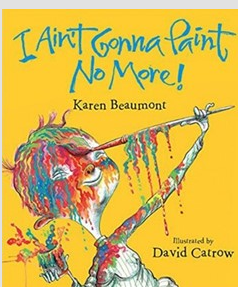


This funny, silly book shows that Art is EVERYWHERE! Beautiful drawings and a very funny story all children will relate to regarding their parents' utter inability to appreciate their art work at home.

One day three white mice discover three jars of paint—red, blue, and yellow. But what happens when they splash in the colors, mixing the red and blue? Or dance in the blue and yellow?



A child gets caught painting everything from the ceiling to the floor, Mama says "Ya ain't a-gonna paint no more!" But nothing will keep this artist from painting! Written to the familiar tune "It Ain't Gonna Rain No More" on each page have fun guessing what will the child paint next? "So I take some red and I paint my . . . HEAD!"



## Songs and Fingerplays...

### COLORS

Orange is a carrot.

Green is the grass.

Brown is the bear.

Purple is a plum.

Blue is the sky.

Black is a witch's hat.

And red is cherry pie.



### We Love COLOR!

Tune: Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Red, yellow, green and blue, green and blue,

Red, yellow, green and blue, green and blue,

Purple, orange, brown and black,

Red, yellow, green and blue, green and blue.

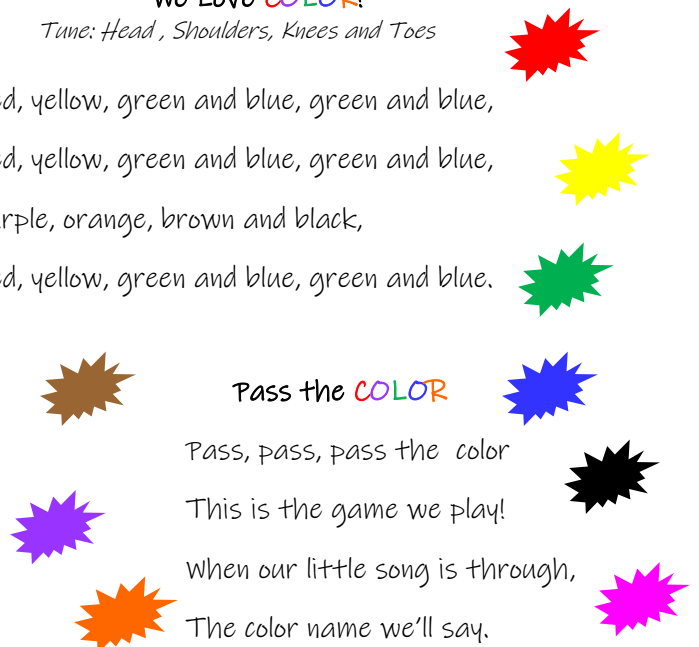
### Pass the COLOR

Pass, pass, pass the color

This is the game we play!

When our little song is through,

The color name we'll say.



# END OF SUMMER

## BUCKET LIST



- ☐ *Have a picnic*
- ☐ *Paint rocks and hide them for someone else to find*
- ☐ *Make and use chalk paint to create a picture*
- ☐ *Have a bonfire then roast hotdogs and make s'mores*
- ☐ *Create an obstacle course in your yard*
- ☐ *Make a tent*
- ☐ *Catch fireflies*
- ☐ *Go on a nature scavenger hunt then, make a nature collage*
- ☐ *Look at the clouds, what do you see? A dragon? Dog?...*
- ☐ *Have a water fight*
- ☐ *Make a fun snack to share*
- ☐ *Go on a bike ride*
- ☐ *Play in the rain then see if you can find a rainbow*



Can you complete the bucket list?