

# MOUSE PAINT

Three clever white mice outsmart a cat while dabbling in different primary colors of paint (red and yellow make orange, etc.).

Author and Illustrator: Ellen Stoll Walsh

Ages: 2-6

29 pages

Themes: Color identification  
Developing creativity

You may have already starting talking with your child about identifying colors. As you're reading the book with your child, ask your child to identify the basic (primary) colors that the mice find in the jars. After reading this book, you'll have a chance to talk about which colors mixed together make other colors.

For a fun activity, trace circles (using a jar lid or the top of a glass) on to a piece of white paper. Have your child color the circles either blue, red or yellow. Then talk about what other color to put on top of the primary colors to make another color appear.....yellow on top of the red makes orange, blue on top of the red makes purple, etc.. (You could actually use food coloring in white frosting to have the same affect, but coloring on paper is less expensive and has the same effect.)

While you're working on this project, your child is also listening and learning how to follow directions as well as seeing first hand, how the blended colors change.