Guppy Group

September: Colors!

Ages 1-4
Storytime!

Welcome to Part 1 of your at-home Guppy Group activity! This section will be patterned after the Storytime Station at a regular Guppy Group event.

- Start by telling your Guppies that you will be reading a book together. This book is about different colored animals. Ask their favorite animal and what color it is. If they could make their favorite animal any color in the world, what color would they choose?
- After this introductory discussion, read *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* by Bill Martin Jr. together with your Guppy. If you don’t have this book on hand, you can watch this sing-along version on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-NlZH_HcOw
- If you are able to print, the following coloring page is available for you to complete with your Guppy.
Mystery Bag!

This section will be patterned after the Mystery Bag Station at a regular Guppy Group event.

- You can use any type of bag for this activity. Look through your house to find various objects of various colors. Place them in your mystery bag.
- Give your Guppy the opportunity to pull one object at a time out of the mystery bag.
- Talk about each object with your Guppy. Ask what colors it is; if they like those colors and why or why not; what color they think that object should be; what colors mix together to form other colors; etc.
Art Project - Rainbow Arch!

The third section will be patterned after the Art-Making Station at a regular Guppy Group event.

- For this art project, you will need: scissors; glue; one sheet of blue paper; six narrow strips of paper (one red, one orange, one yellow, one green, one blue, and one violet); one piece of white paper; and one piece of yellow paper.
- If you do not have colored paper on hand, feel free to use markers, crayons, or colored pencils to color white paper instead.
- Draw a sun shape on the yellow paper and help your Guppy to cut it out. Then draw a cloud shape on the white paper and help your Guppy to cut it out.
- Help your Guppy to glue one end of each of the colored strips to the blue paper, one right next to the other, to form a rainbow. Glue the cloud shape over those glued ends.
- Glue the other ends of each of the colored strips so that the paper strips form an arch. Once both ends are glued, glue the sun shape on top of the other end.
- Refer to the example below if you need help! You can use this activity to teach your Guppy about rainbows and ROYGBV.
Art Connection!

This fourth and last portion of your at-home Guppy Group activity is patterned after the Art Hunt Station of a normal Guppy Group event at the Museum.

- Begin this section by reviewing colors with your Guppy. Ask what colors you saw and talked about today. Then explain that you will now talk about colors in art.
- With your Guppy, go through the following images from the Museum’s permanent collection. Work together with your Guppy to find different colors in each image, and talk about how they are used. How do the colors make you feel when you look at the artwork? Which colors do you notice the most? Why do you think the artist chose the colors that they did?

Thanks for participating! We hope you and your Guppy enjoyed learning about Colors with us! Keep an eye out for next month’s at-home Guppy Group Packet, where you can explore Shapes with your Guppy.
Philip Henry Barkdull, *Symphony in Colour: Designed Landscape*, 1930
Craig Ivan Mathews, Hurricane Mesa, Washington County, Utah, 1994
Lee Anne Miller, *Storm Spirits on the Horizon*, 1997
Mabel Pearl Frazer, Sunrise, North Rim Grand Canyon, 1928
Dave Brown, *DPD XIV*, 2004
The Guppy Song!

If you’ve brought your little ones along to Guppy Group before, chances are they might remember the Guppy Group song. If you’d like to sing it together, the words are included below. Sing along to this tune:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g64qCr3Y_QU

One little Guppy
Swimming in the water,
Swimming in the water,
Swimming in the water
One little Guppy
Swimming in the water
Bubble, Bubble, Bubble, Bubble
POP!

(If you remember the associated hand motions, feel free to do those as well! Make sure to clap your hands together for the POP! Carry on to the next verse for as many numbers as you’d like.)