DIY HOME STORYTIME: ART

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BOOKS:

Sky Color (Overdrive-BPL)
by Peter Reynolds

The Art Lesson (Overdrive-MVLC)
by Tomie dePaola

Maybe Something Beautiful (Overdrive-BPL)
by F. Isabel Campoy & Theresa Howell

Mouse Paint (Hoopla)
by Ellen Stoll Walsh

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? (Overdrive-MVLC/BPL)
by Bill Martin, Jr. & Eric Carle

The Day the Crayons Quit (Overdrive-MVLC/BPL)
by Drew Daywalt

MUSIC & MOVEMENT:

This Is the Way...
This is the way we stir the paint, stir the paint, stir the paint
This is the way we stir the paint, so early in the morning
Repeat, adding dip our brush, paint the paper, blow it dry, frame the picture
Don’t forget to act out each verse!
Source: Storytime Katie

If You’re Wearing Red Today
Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb
If you’re wearing red today, red today, red today,
If you’re wearing red today, stand up and shout hooray!
Repeat with different colors and actions (clap your hands, stomp your feet, touch your ears - it doesn’t have to rhyme!)
Source: Abby the Librarian

I Have a Crayon
With a box of crayons (or markers/colored pencils), find each color as you recite the rhyme!

I have a crayon, I’ll give it to you.
Here is my crayon, my crayon of blue.

I have a crayon, a lovely little fellow.
Here is my crayon, my crayon of yellow.

I have a crayon, it’s here on my head.
Here is my crayon, my crayon of red.

I have a crayon, I found it in town.
Here is my crayon, my crayon of brown.

I have a crayon, we can draw a circle.
Here is my crayon, my crayon of purple.

I have a crayon, what do I see?
Here is my crayon, an orange one for me.

I have a crayon right in my sack.
Here is my crayon, my crayon of black.

I have a crayon, I think it’s just right.
Here is my crayon, my crayon of white.

I have a crayon, the best ever seen.
Here is my crayon, my crayon of green.
Source: Abby the Librarian

ACTIVITIES:

Head outside and look at the clouds! What shapes or other images can you see?

Break out the crayons, markers, colored pencils, and paint! Look out your window and draw what you see. Draw a self-portrait. Experiment with watercolor. Try your hand at fingerpainting. Make sure to sign your work!

Sculpt using PlayDoh or clay!

Turn your home into an art museum, exhibits and all! Hang your pictures on the wall and display your sculptures on the table! Take your family on a tour!

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