

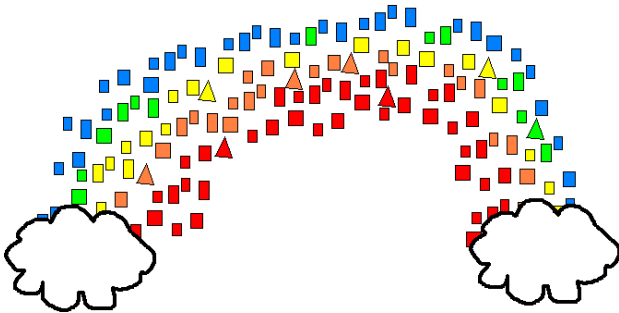
RAINBOWS

ART

CLASS RAINBOW

Paint the children's hands the colors of the rainbow and have them paint a class rainbow by pressing their hands on roll paper.

EGGSHELL RAINBOW



Collect a supply of clean, dry, crushed eggshells. Mix 2 tablespoons of vinegar, 1 cup of hot water, and 10 drops of food coloring. Put shells in different colors. Stir until they absorb desired amount of color. Spoon onto paper towels and let them dry. To make a rainbow, use a paintbrush to spread glue in an arch onto construction paper. Sprinkle eggshells onto glue and allow to dry. Glue cotton balls to each end of the rainbow to resemble clouds.

POT O'GOLD

Make black pots out of construction paper. Cut small circles out of yellow paper and glue around the rim of pot!!

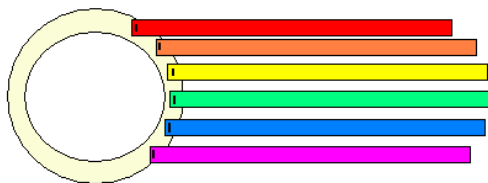
RAINBOW CREATIONS

Use water colors to paint on coffee filters to make rainbow creations.

RAINBOW CRAYONS

Tape 3-4 crayons together in a bundle. Let the children draw with several colors at once.

RAINBOW STREAMERS



Materials: 1 paper plate, crepe paper (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple), stapler, scissors

1. Cut crepe paper into 2 foot strips.
2. Cut center of paper plate out.
3. Staple crepe paper to outer edge of plate.

RAINBOW CHAINS

Cut strips of construction paper 2" x 6". Make paper chain in rainbow order (i.e. red, orange, yellow, green, blue) Hang around room.

RICE RAINBOW

MATERIALS: Uncooked rice, different shades of food coloring, vinegar, boiling water, heat-tolerant containers, colander, pot, paper towels, construction paper, glue, pencils.

PREPARATION: Line the colander with several paper towels and place it in the pot. Dye the rice by placing a quantity of it in the containers and adding to each container a cup of boiling water, 2 tablespoons of vinegar, and 15 drops of food coloring. Keep the rice in the dye for only 1 minute, then pour it into the colander and drain. Allow to dry for a few minutes. The dye can be returned to the container if more rice needs to be colored. When ready, give each child a sheet of construction paper, a pencil, some glue, and a small amount of each color rice.

ACTIVITY: Have the children outline a large rainbow on their paper. Then have them smear some glue in a band across the rainbow. Now have the kids sprinkle on colored rice. Continue until rainbow is complete.

YARN RAINBOW

Material: white craft foam; blue, green, yellow, orange, red and purple yarn; glue, cotton balls

1. Cut a cloud shape from white foam and punch holes to match picture.
2. Add braids of colored yarn to bottom holes in rainbow order.
3. Glue cotton balls to cloud
4. Add loop of yarn to top for hanger.



RAINBOW RUBBINGS

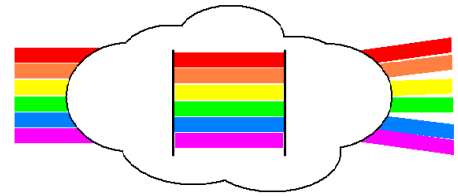
Write "rainbow" in block letters on tagboard strips. Trace the letters with thick lines of white glue. When the glue is dry, it will form a ridge around the letters. Tape the strips to a tabletop. Have kids lay a sheet of paper on top of the tagboard and use the sides of different colors to make rubbings of the word "rainbow." Encourage them to put the colors in ROYGBIV order.

RAINBOW COLLAGE

Trace a rainbow shape onto manila paper. Smear the paper with glue. Tear pieces of tissue paper and add to paper to make a rainbow.

CLOUD WEAVING

Make a large cloud cutout and cut 2 parallel slits as shown. Put clouds and a supply of colorful construction paper strips at the table. Let kids weave strips through the cloud. Glue the strips in place.



RAINBOW NECKLACES

Dye small macaroni's the colors of a rainbow. Have children make a rainbow gluing those onto paper. Or string them on string to make rainbow necklaces.

RAINBOW FUN

Use different size circles of colored paper to represent each color of the rainbow and glue together from smallest to largest (colors of rainbow following pattern).

Draw an outline of a rainbow with pencil for each child. Instruct them where the colors go. Provide tissue paper squares in all the colors for children to glue on to appropriate space.

WARMING TRAY PICTURES

Materials

Griddle

Newspaper Paper or wax paper

What to Do:

Place a warming tray on low setting Cover it with several sheets of newspaper to protect the children from the hot edges of the tray. Place a sheet of art paper on top of the newspaper and let the children take turns coloring with wax crayons. The children will discover a change in the "feel" of the way the crayon moves and a change in the "looks" of the drawing.

STARBURST PAINTINGS

Spread corn syrup on a piece of cardboard or a paper plate and let the children drip food coloring onto it. Very sticky

MILK EXPLOSIONS

Pour a small amount of milk into a shallow container and drop food coloring around the edges. Drop one drop of dish soap in the middle and see what happens! Extension: Pour a thin layer of white glue on a small paper plate and repeat the experiment for each child. Let it dry and you have a wonderful sun catcher.

MELTED CRAYON LAMINATIONS

Materials: Cheese Grater
Wax paper
Newspaper
Old Iron
Yarn-for hanging

Grate crayon onto wax paper. Cover with more wax paper. Add yarn for hanging. Cover all this with newsprint. Quickly touch warm iron to the covered wax paper and shavings- Do this gently!!

TISSUE PAPER RAINBOW

Materials: Various colors of tissue paper, Glue, Pencil
What to Do: Draw a rainbow on the construction paper. Tear the tissue paper into lots of small pieces. Spread a little glue on the band of you rainbow. Press one color of tissue pieces onto the glue. Then cover the other bands of your rainbow with glue and tissue paper pieces. Let your tissue paper rainbow dry.

HANDPRINT RAINBOW

Material: 1 piece of white construction paper
Red, orange, yellow, green blue, purple and white paint
Glue
Silver glitter
Scissors



1. Paint rainbow on the palm of the child's hand and paint the fingers white.
2. Stamp rainbow print onto white paper and set aside to dry.
3. Cut around the hand printed rainbow.
4. Trim clouds with silver glitter and set aside to dry.

WHITE ON BLACK BOLD

Materials: Soap Flakes Finger paint Heavy Sheet of Black paper Plastic squeeze

bottles

What to Do: Put soap flake paint in squeeze bottle. Squeeze out interesting white lines of different shapes and thickness on black paper. Arrange them in a bold pattern.

COFFEE FILTER RAINBOWS

Draw rainbow stripes on coffee filter with water soluble markers. Fold filter into quarters. Dip edges in water. Lay flat for 1 hour. Colors will bleed into each other.

RAINBOW PLATES

Materials: 2 Paper Plates

Cut out a large circle in the middle of 2 paper plates. Glue colored cellophane to cover the hole on one plate, and then glue the two plates together. Children look through and see the world as different colors.

COFFEE FILTER MELT

Materials: Large Coffee Filters

Crayon stubs

Cheese Grater

Foil Cookie Sheet

What to Do: Cover the cookie sheet with foil. Open and press two large. Coffee filters on the cookie sheet. Drop little stubs of old crayons on the coffee filters. Grate some larger crayons and drop shavings on coffee filters. Place cookie sheet in warm oven (200 F) Leave oven open to watch crayon begin melting. This usually only takes a couple minutes. Remove when melted let cool then hold up to the light to enjoy the colors.

SONGS

IF YOU WANT TO SEE A RAINBOW (to tune of "If You're Happy and you Know It")

If you want to see a rainbow, check the sky.
Just as it is raining, look up high.
With the sun behind your back,
You will see the colors stacked.
Oh, I love to see a rainbow in the sky!

RAINBOW (to tune of "I'm a Little Teapot")

I'm a little rain cloud in the sky.
I can help make rainbows if I try.
I make a little rain in the bright sunshine,
And out pops a rainbow! It sure is fun!

OH, RAINBOW (to tune of "Oh, Christmas Tree")

Oh rainbow, oh rainbow
How lovely are your colors
Oh rainbow, oh rainbow
How lovely are your colors
Purple, red, and orange too
Yellow, green, and blue so true
Oh rainbow, oh rainbow
How lovely are your colors.

RAINBOW POKEY (to tune of “Hokey Pokey”)

(Give each child a colored streamer. As the child’s color is called, let him shake his streamer & hokey pokey)

You put the [red streamer] in.
You put the [red streamer] out.
You put the [red streamer] in.
You shake your colored streamers
‘Cause you know without a doubt.
[Red]’s what it’s all about!

RAINBOW SOUP (To tune of “She’ll Be Coming Round The Mountain”)

Gonna make some rainbow soup today, yum, yum.
Gonna make some rainbow soup today, yum, yum.
Gonna make some rainbow soup
Gonna make some rainbow soup
Gonna make some rainbow soup today, yum, yum.

Gonna scoop ice cream into my bowl, two dips
(repeat)

Gonna add some rainbow sprinkles too, Yippee!
(repeat)

Gonna stir it all up in my bowl, yum, yum
(repeat)

Gonna eat my rainbow soup right now, smack, smack!
(repeat)

(you can serve vanilla ice cream with rainbow sprinkles for snack!)

IT’S A RAINBOW

(To tune of “London Bridge”)

Red and orange and yellow too,
Don’t forget green and blue!

Add some violet; then you're through.
It's a rainbow!

OTHER FUN STUFF

RAINBOW RHYME

One 18" length of crepe paper is needed for each child. Make red, yellow, blue, green, violet, and orange lengths.

Have children form circle. Place the paper in a heap on the floor in the circle's center. Recite verse, following directions as indicated.

(As children walk around the circle, leader calls out child's name and color where shown)

(name), (name)

Come on over,
Dig down deep,
Pull a *(color)*
From the heap.

(children stop walking as named child goes to the pile and picks up named color and returns to circle as verse below is recited)

Take it back
To your place
With a smile
On your face

(continue as above until all children have colors then recite following as they walk around circle waving color as indicated.)

Wave your color high
Wave your color low
As round the circle
We all go.
Wave your color
Tow and fro,
See the
Beautiful rainbow!

OIL AND ICE

Make many colored ice cubes. Fill a tall clear container with oil. Add an ice cube and watch as it melts. What is happening? Do the colors mix?

BUBBLES

Make or buy a bubble solution and experiment with different tools to blow bubbles, look for rainbows in the bubbles.

OVER THE RAINBOW HIKE

Take a walk outside and see how many different things you can find of each color. Keep track of what you find.

COLOR GRAPHING

Graph the colors in a bag of Skittles or M&M's.

RAINBOW RHYME

As you repeat the rhyme, use colored markers and marker board to illustrate...

6 little markers all standing in a line
They said, "Let's draw a picture and make it very fine."
Red jumped for joy as he leaped across the sky.
Orange jumped, too, but not quite as high.
Next came yellow as bright as the sun.
Green was excited as he started to run.
Blue followed boldly, then looked all around.
Purple came last, nearly touching the ground.
"Isn't this lovely," the markers exclaimed.
"We've made a rainbow, without any rain!"

COOPERATION GAME

Let your children work together to create this rainbow on the floor. Ask your children to look around the room, collect all the red objects in a pile. Repeat with the remaining 5 rainbow colors. Then let your children arrange the objects on the floor in a rainbow shape. First have them put all the red objects in a big arch, then the yellow objects under them and so on, until the rainbow is completed.

SPINNING COLORS

Cut a circle out of heavy paper. Divide the disk into 6 equal sections. Color each section a different color of the rainbow. Poke the circle onto the point of a sharpened pencil. Show the circle to the children. Ask them to predict what they will see when you spin the circle. When the circle is spun, instead of seeing 6 colors, you will see white (or close to white, depending on the purity of the colors and how equal the sections are). This is the reverse of what happens when a rainbow is made from white light separated into the six colors seen. This experiment takes those 6 colors and whirls them together to make white.

GLITTER SPARKLE BOTTLES

Remove the label from a clean, clear 16oz. plastic soda bottle. Pour at least 1/2 cup of light corn syrup into the bottle. Then add a few drops of food coloring and some glitter and/or confetti. Hot glue the lid onto the bottle. Have the children swirl and shake the bottle and watch it's movement. Use a certain color or a rainbow of colors!

RAINBOW DAY

Have each child wear a different color.

MULTICOLOR BINOCULARS

Supplies -2 empty toilet paper rolls for each child, 2 rubber bands for each child Colored plastic wrap cut into squares about 4 x 4 inches (adjust as needed) Take an empty roll and place a colored square evenly over one end of the roll. While holding it in place, put a rubber band over it to secure it. Repeat with the other roll and square.

COLOR MIXING

Let children experiment with color mixing to make rainbow colors.

NUMBER RAINBOW

Cut rainbow from colored papers. Number each color 1-5. Have children arrange by number to make rainbow.

BUBBLE RAINBOWS

Blow soap bubbles and try to see the rainbows in them.

MAKE A RAINBOW

Make rainbows with water hose spayed into air.

RAINBOWS ALL OVER

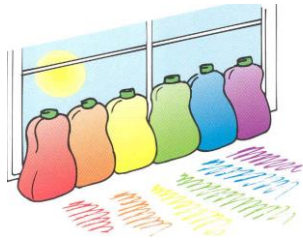
Carefully-placed prisms can create rainbows all over the room. Jump on a rainbow; read on a rainbow; dance on a rainbow; sit on a rainbow; sleep on a rainbow. Rainbows will crop up in surprising places depending on where you place the prisms.

RAINBOW TOSS

Draw a large rainbow on poster board. Tape flat on floor or to one end of a table. Put

Poker chips or beanbags across room or on other end of table. Have children toss chips or bags at rainbow. They can try to get a chip on each color, or all on same color.

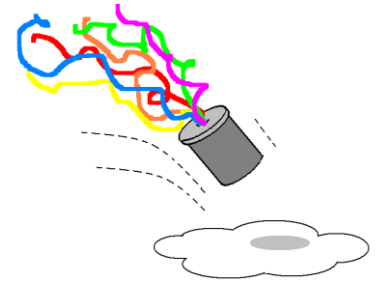
MAKE A RAINBOW



Fill clear plastic bottles with colored water and arrange in rainbow order. Place in a sunny spot on a white table or a piece of white paper. When the sun shines through the water, the colors will reflect onto the white paper.

TOSS THE RAINBOW

Poke a hole through the lid of an empty film canister. Thread colorful lengths of curling ribbon through the hole and knot them together under the lid. Snap lid on canister. Attach 2 cloud cutouts on the floor. Have kids take turns tossing the rainbow from cloud to cloud.



SNACKS

RAINBOW PUDDING

Make vanilla pudding and divide it into three parts. Make one part red, one yellow, and one blue. Give children a color combination, and watch as new colors appear. Extension: With any extra pudding make finger paintings.

RAINBOW JELL-O



Each day mix up a color of Jell-O starting with red. Pour small amount into a clear plastic cup. Allow to harden then add orange. Follow this procedure with all the other colors. At the end of the week you will have your own rainbow to eat. If you wish, top with a spoonful of whipped topping for a cloud.

RAINBOW IN A CLOUD

Prepare 2-3 different colors of gelatin. Serve in a cup filled with whipped topping.

RAINBOW COOKIES

1 cup sugar
1 cup butter, softened
2 cups flour
1 tsp. vanilla

1 egg

Food coloring-at least 6 colors

Mix sugar, butter, egg and vanilla. Add flour and mix well. Divide dough into six balls. Add a different food coloring to each ball. Roll each ball in a snake shape onto a floured surface. This is fun for the kids -- just like play dough! Arch snake shape and press onto cookie sheet. Add other snake shapes until the rainbow is formed. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-15 minutes. When cooled let each child taste a piece of the rainbow.

COLOR-MATCHING SNACK

Color several rainbow patterns. Laminate the patterns and place them on table along with a small cup of colorful cereal rings. Let child take cereal from cup and place on corresponding color on rainbow pattern. Afterwards, he can eat the cereal.

CUP OF COLORS

Place at a center separate bowls of strawberry slices, mandarin orange sections, pineapple pieces, green grape halves, blueberries, and purple-tinted whipped topping. Have kids put 1 spoon of each fruit following the colors of the rainbow. Top with whipped topping.

RAINBOW TOAST

Combine food coloring with a small amount of milk. Mix several colors. Let children brush mixture onto white bread with a clean pastry brush. Toast the bread in a toaster oven and enjoy the rainbow effect.

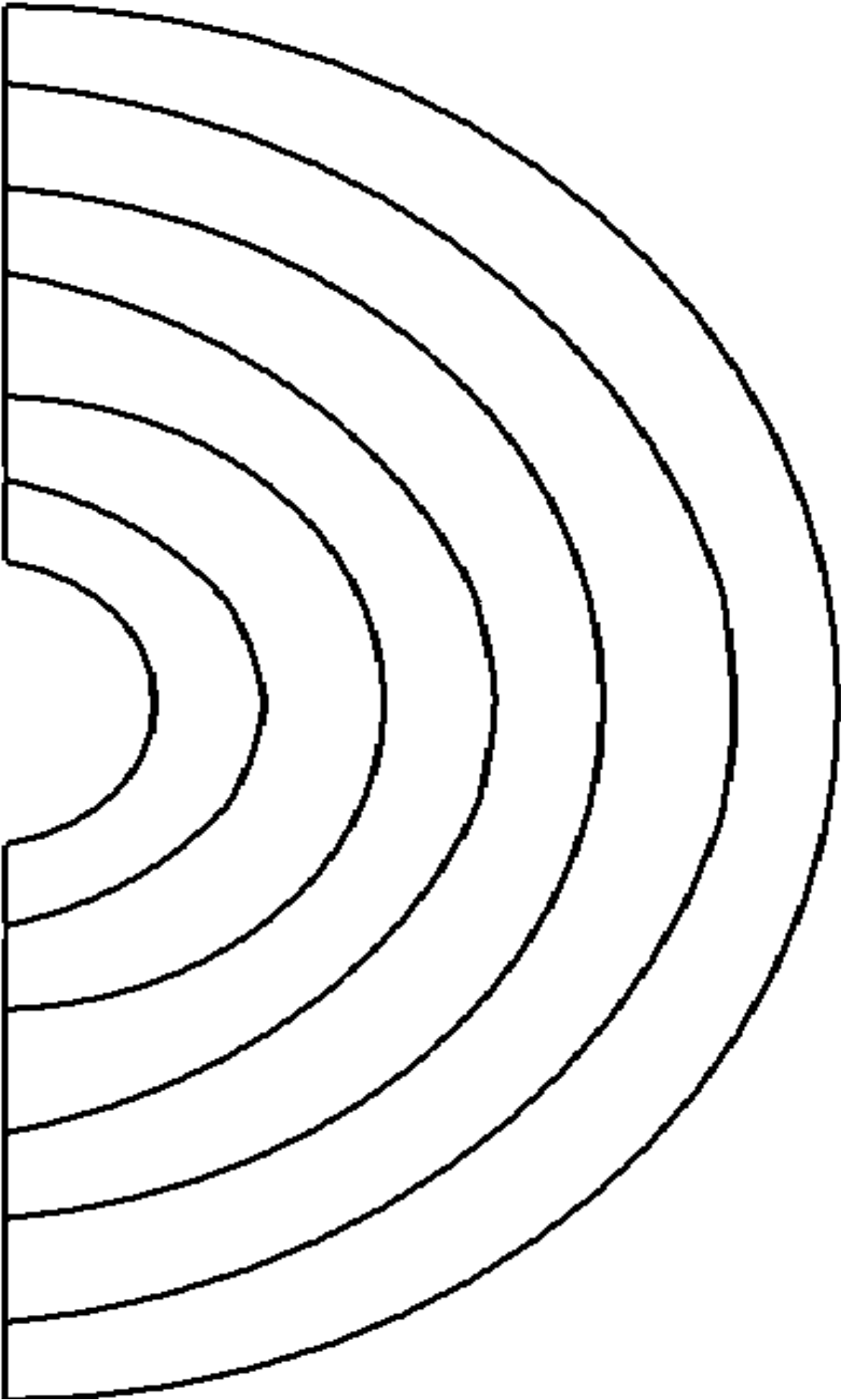
FINGERPLAYS

RAINBOW CITY

From big gray clouds
The raindrops fell,
Drip, drip, drip, just so (flutter fingers downward)
Until the sunlight
Changed them all
Into a big rainbow.

RAIN STORY

Pitter patter pitter patter Hear the raindrops say (wiggle fingers like rain falling)
If a sunbeam should peep out, they'd make a rainbow gay. (form arch overhead)
Rumble, rumble, bumble, rumble, Hear the thunder say (roll fist on table to make rumbling sound)
Soon the clouds will all be gone and we'll go out to play (touch fingertips to make clouds, pull apart to show them going away)



RAINBOW BOOKS

J 398.2 MAD	Maddern	Rainbow Bird
J 523.4 SHO	Shores	How To Make A Liquid Rainbow
J 551.5 FOW	Fowler	All The Colors Of The Rainbow
J 551.567 RAJ	Rajczak	Rainbows
J 551.567 WHI	Whitfield	Rainbows
E ATTEBERRY	Atteberry	Puddles!!!
E BAKER	Baker	Magic Fan
E BAUER	Bauer	Rainbow
E BECKER	Becker	Quest
E BLUEMLE	Bluemle	Tap Tap Boom Boom
E BUNTING	Bunting	Frog And Friends – Frog’s Lucky Day
E BUNTING	Bunting	That’s What Leprechauns Do
E EDWARDS	Edwards	Warhogs Paint
E EHLERT	Ehlert	Planting A Rainbow
E ERICSSON	Ericsson	Piece Of Chalk
E FREEMAN	Freeman	Rainbow Of My Own
E HALL	Hall	It’s An Orange Aardvark!
E HILLERT	Hillert	Run To The Rainbow
E HOOPER	Hooper	How The Sky’s Housekeeper Wore Her Scarves
E JONES	Jones	Sunshine And Storm
E KOCHALKA	Kochalka	Squirrely Gray
E LYON	Lyon	Weaving The Rainbow
E MCKEE	McKee	Elmer And The Rainbow
E PINKNEY	Pinkney	Rainbow All Around Me
E PORTIS	Portis	Wait
E ROOT	Root	Soggy Saturday
E SILVERMAN	Silverman	Cowgirl Kate And Coco – Rain Or Shine
E SLATE	Slate	Miss Bindergarten And the Very Wet Day
E SMYTHE	Smythe	Chester’s Colorful Eggs
E SPINELLI	Spinelli	Nora’s Ark
E STROM	Strom	Rainbow Joe And Me
E TEGEN	Tegen	Story Of The Leprechaun
E WALSH	Walsh	Ned’s Rainbow
E WOLFF	Wolff	Baby Bear Sees Blue
E WOOD	Wood	Deep Blue Sea – A Book Of Colors

DVDS

J 791.43 DOR	Dora The Explorer. Singing Sensation
J 791.43 DOR	Dora The Explorer. Shy Rainbow
J 791.43 KNU	Knuffle Bunny And More Great Childhood Adventure Stories (Planting A Rainbow)

J 791.43 MAX	Max & Ruby – Rainy Day Play (Max’s Rainbow)
J 791.43 MYF	My Friend Rabbit. Hello Rabbit!
J 791.43 MYL	My Little Pony Classic Movie Collection (Runaway Rainbow)
J 791.43 SES	Sesame Street – Elmo’s Rainbow
J 791.43 SID	Sid The Science Kid – What Is A Rainbow?

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