
Kindergarten Colour Inquiry

— A Study in Colour and Lines —

Lea Anderson is an artist who is inspired by nature. We looked closely at some of her art work and were posed the following questions:

What do you notice?

What kind of lines and shapes do you see?

What does it remind you of?





Colour Exploration

Students were given the opportunity to play and mix with primary colours in creating secondary colours. It was interesting to see the excitement in students when secondary colours “magically” formed. Their mixed painting work will become the background of their final art piece



Nature as Inspiration

After reflecting on Lea Anderson's art and her inspiration from nature, we decided to go on a nature walk to see if we could also be inspired by the lines and shapes from nature. Looking closely at the collected items from our walk we practiced drawing the lines we saw from a variety of artifacts. Students took their time and were very proud to share their practiced art pieces to the class. The rest of students were encouraged to reflect and think about what the art reminded them of.



Literature

Some stories we read were:

My Many Coloured Days by Dr. Seuss

- Emotions and colour

Mouse Paint by Ellen Walsh

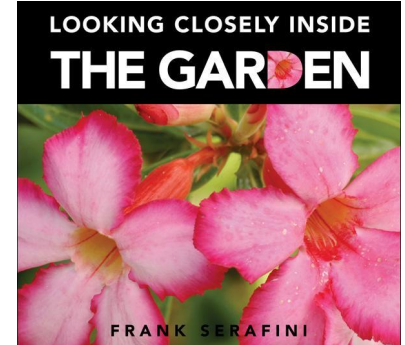
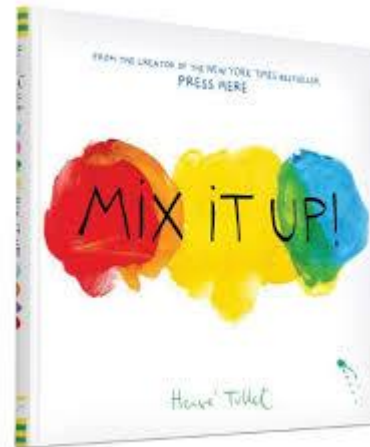
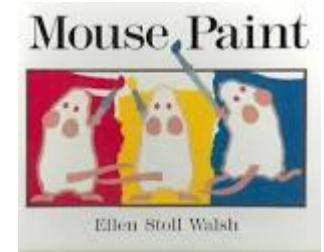
- Mixing colours

Mix It Up by Herve Tullet

- Interactive book

Looking Closely Inside the Garden by Frank Serafini

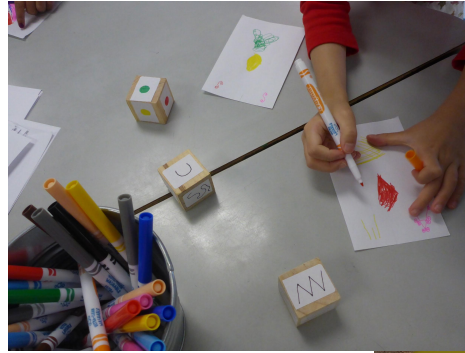
- Looking at details in nature



Centers

The children explored centres including:

- Drawing Dice Game
- Emotional faces with objects
- Light table
- Discovery center -looking closely



Tryptic Art Piece



- "I see octopus undersea water and alien fish"
- "It reminds me of a flower at the grass"

Curriculum Connections:

- **Language Arts:**
 - I can talk about my art work and share my personal experiences with it
 - I can share my ideas with others
 - I can connect with art by talking about what it reminds me of
- **Math:**
 - I can sort the papers and explain my sorting rule
 - I can identify patterns and shapes around us
 - I can create my own pattern
 - I can draw and identify different shapes
- **Creative Exploration:**
 - I can experiment with patterns, rhythm and movement
 - I can explore and create different colours
 - I can look at natural and everyday objects and respond to it
 - I can experiment with line, colour, shape, texture and pattern to express my ideas
 - I can become aware of how artists express themselves in different mediums.

Next Steps...



- Looking closely at other artists
 - We will be looking at similarities and differences of techniques of Indigenous artists: Leah Dorion
 - We will be investigating animals in our environment and oral story-telling Indigenous artists: Leah Dorion
- Field trip:
 - Art Felt Studio: Felting

What do you see?

We encourage you to look closely at your children's art as well!

Tell your child what you see? What does it remind you of?

Share your thoughts with us. Write your ideas on the stickies provided and post it on our reflection wall.

Thank you!