

Crafts 'n Snacks

A Monthly Series from Keepsake Curriculum

April

Craft: 3D Rainbow Cloud

Snack: Funfetti Chex Mix

Story Ideas:

"The Day the Crayons Quit" by Drew Daywalt

"Little Blue and Little Yellow" by Leo Lionni

"Mix It Up" by Herve Tullet

"Bear Sees Colors" by Karma Wilson

3D Rainbow Cloud

This 3D rainbow cloud is a perfect spring craft! The arched rainbow connecting two cotton ball clouds makes it more unique than your standard rainbow craft.

Materials:

Rainbow Colored Construction Paper

White Construction Paper

Scissors

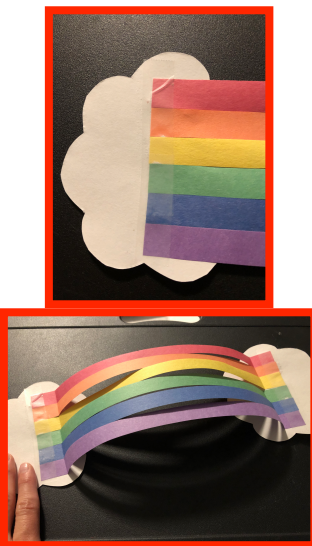
Cotton Balls

Glue Bottle & Glue Stick

Cloud Template (included)

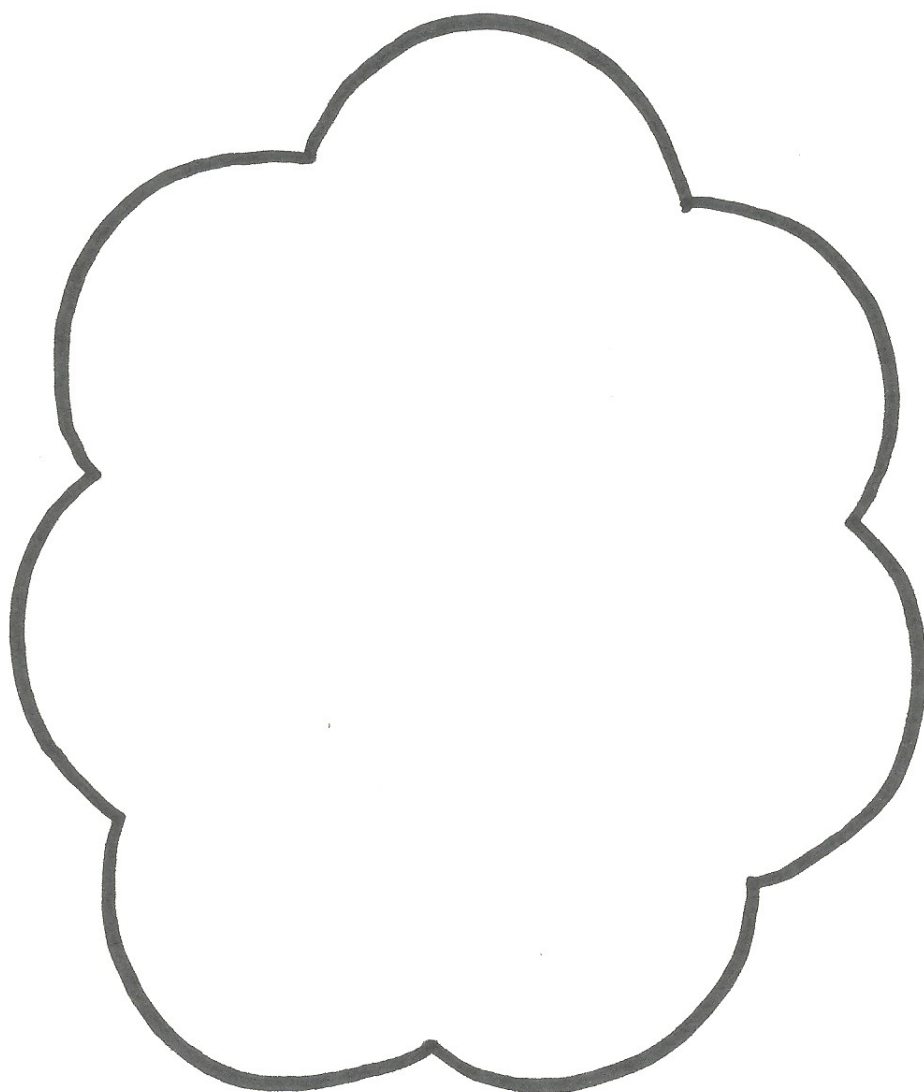
Instructions:

1. If you don't want to have to cut out your own cloud shape for the cotton balls, print out the included cloud template and trace two clouds onto white construction paper; cut them out.
2. Take the rainbow colored construction paper and cut one strip from each, approximately 1/2 in. wide. **If you do not have indigo colored paper, just use red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple.**
3. Glue one end of each strip to the center of the cloud with the glue stick in rainbow order.
4. Secure with tape.
5. Fold the clouds to create an arch.
6. Apply glue to the cloud and add cotton balls. Be sure to place them underneath the arch; this will help it hold its arched shape.
7. Complete the cotton balls on the other cloud as well.



*Craft was found at easypeasyandfun.com

Rainbow Cloud - Cut and trace two
clouds on white construction paper



Funfetti Chex Mix

Ingredients:

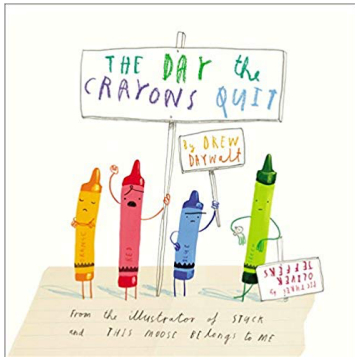
- 6 cups Rice chex cereal
- 1/2 cup colored sprinkles
- 1 cup yellow or white cake mix
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar, or less to taste
- 12 oz white chocolate chips, chopped white chocolate bars, or white chocolate candy melts
- 1 tsp shortening or vegetable oil

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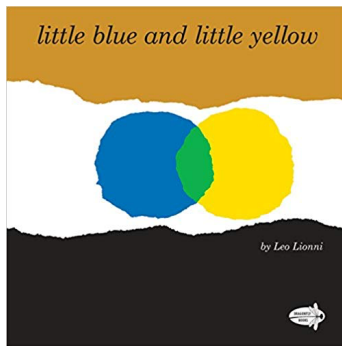
1. Dump cereal in large bowl or pot.
2. In a separate bowl, combine the sprinkles, cake mix, and confectioner's sugar (less if you're not into sweet things) and stir to combine.
3. In a medium, microwave-safe bowl, heat white chocolate and shortening in 30 second increments, stirring well after each time (overheating will cause chocolate to harden).
4. Immediately pour the melted chocolate over the cereal mixture and stir gently to coat the cereal.
5. Toss the sprinkles and cake mixture over the cereal and gently stir until evenly coated.
6. Serve immediately, or cover and store in air tight container for up to two weeks.

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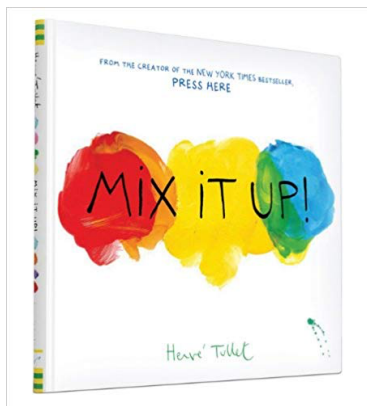
"Colorful" Read-Alouds for Kids



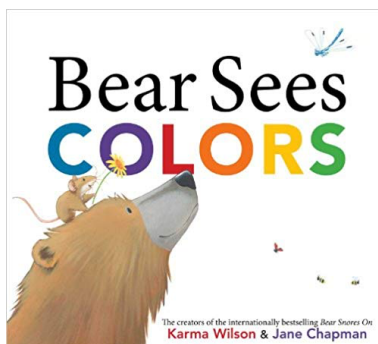
"The Day the Crayons Quit" by Drew Daywalt - Poor Duncan just wants to color. But when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing: His crayons have had enough! They quit! Beige Crayon is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown Crayon. Black wants to be used for more than just outlining. Blue needs a break from coloring all those bodies of water. And Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking—each believes he is the true color of the sun. What can Duncan possibly do to appease all of the crayons and get them back to doing what they do best?



"Little Blue and Little Yellow" by Leo Lionni - Little Blue and Little Yellow are best friends, but one day they can't find each other. When they finally do, they give each other such a big hug that they turn green! How they find their true colors again concludes a wonderfully satisfying story told with colorful pieces of torn paper and very few words.



"Mix It Up" by Herve Tullet - Follow the simple instructions in this interactive book, and suddenly colors appear, mix, splatter, and vanish in a world powered only by the reader's imagination. Tullet sets readers on an extraordinary interactive journey all within the printed page.



"Bear Sees Colors" by Karma Wilson - Colors, colors everywhere! Can you find colors just like Bear? Another cute addition to the popular Bear Books series!