Let’s Talk, Read and Sing About Art

Book and Video Recommendations for Young Children

**Books**

**Mix It Up!**
By: Herve Tullet
What happens when you mix red paint with yellow paint? We get a new color – orange! This fun and interactive book has little readers use their fingers and hands to “mix” colors on the pages and create new colors ... mess free! Enjoy playing with “paint” and help your child learn about colors!

**Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood**
By: F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell
Mira is a young artist who loves to create colorful pictures and gift them to people in her neighborhood. One day, she tapes a picture to a dreary wall in her community. When a muralist sees her picture, he comes up with a big idea! Together, Mira, the muralist, and their community work together to “create something beautiful”.

**The Artist Who Painted A Blue Horse**
By: Eric Carle
Every child has an artist inside them, and this colorful and imaginative story will help build your child’s imagination! In this story, an artist paints the world as he sees it – a blue horse, a purple fox, and a polka dotted donkey! After reading the book, encourage your little one to color his favorite animal!

**Rainbow Weaver**
By: Linda Elovitz Marshall
Ixchel, a young girl in a Guatemalan village, wants to learn how to weave just like her mother and grandmother. But everyone is too busy to teach her! Ixchel is determined and goes off in search of something to weave with. This colorful and heartwarming book introduces children to the ancient art of weaving.

**Frida**
By: Jonah Winter
This picture book introduces children to Mexican-born artist, Frida Kahlo. Frida learned to draw and paint as a young child from her father who was also an artist! Although Frida was sick as a young child, she took comfort in painting when she had to stay in bed. Children will be inspired by Frida’s story and all the bright colors within.

**Video**

**Sesame Street: Not Just One Way to Make Art**
Everyone, no matter how big or small, is an artist! Join Abby Cadabby, Big Bird, Elmo, and Tully as they sing about all the ways that they make art! From painting with feathers and sponges to making sculptures out of crayons, children will learn that there’s not just one way to make art! Sing along with the video here.

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