

## Core Skills Analysis

### Art

- Learned to recognize and use the sequence of colors found in a rainbow: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet.
- Practiced fine motor skills by drawing precise curved lines to create the arch shape of the rainbow.
- Explored color blending and contrast, understanding how colors appear next to each other and can be combined in artistic expression.
- Gained creative expression by choosing the placement and size of the rainbow drawing on the page.

### Tips

Tips:

Encourage the child to experiment with mixing colors using paints or colored pencils to further explore how rainbows form through light refraction and blending. Introduce basic science concepts by observing real rainbows on rainy and sunny days together, then drawing how natural rainbows appear versus their artistic versions. Engage in storytelling inspired by rainbows—perhaps inventing a story about where the rainbow ends or what magical creatures live there—to deepen creative thinking across disciplines. These activities build connections between art, science, and literacy while promoting observation skills and imaginative play.

### Book Recommendations

- [A Rainbow of My Own](#) by Don Freeman: A charming story about a boy who creates his own rainbow and learns about imagination and color.
- [What Makes a Rainbow?](#) by Betty Ann Schwartz: An informative picture book that introduces young readers to the science behind rainbows in an engaging way.
- [The Rainbow Fish](#) by Marcus Pfister: A beautifully illustrated tale about sharing and uniqueness, featuring a fish with shimmering scales like a rainbow.

### Learning Standards

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.K.4 - Ask and answer questions about unknown words relating to colors and natural phenomena.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.K.4 - Describe familiar people, places, things, and events, including the colors of a rainbow.
- CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.K.G.A.2 - Correctly draw and describe shapes such as half circles when forming the arcs of a rainbow.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.K.3 - Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate events like observing and drawing a rainbow.

### Try This Next

- Create a worksheet that guides the child to label each color of the rainbow and practice ordering colors from memory.
- Challenge the child to draw a rainbow scene including weather elements like clouds and sun, adding imaginative details.

### Growth Beyond Academics

This activity likely fosters a sense of accomplishment and confidence as the child completes a recognizable and colorful artwork. The process encourages focus and fine motor control, while also

inviting joyful creativity and curiosity about the natural world.