

Literacy Gr1 – Lesson 1 It's OK to be Different

Curriculum: Literacy; Core Competencies-Personal Awareness and Identity

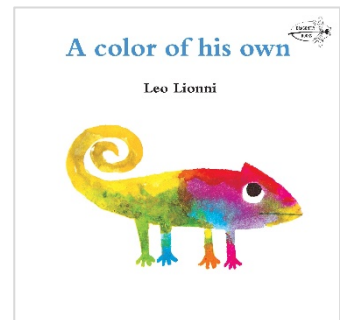
Learning Goals:

- Understand that story help us learn about ourselves and our families
- Reflect on story meaning
- Use a variety of tools to develop gross and fine motor skills

This book is about a little chameleon who notices that he does not have a color of his own like other animals. The chameleon is sad because he is always changing color depending on where he is standing. Finally, the chameleon finds a friend who teaches him that it is OK to be different.

Materials:

- A Color of His Own. By Leo Lionni
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=prFxZJEv1kA>
- Notebook or piece of paper
- Pencil, wax crayon
- water colour paints and a little tub of water



Activities:

What did you learn about chameleons in this story? Do you have any ideas why a chameleon changes color wherever they go? (Hint: think about where the chameleon is when it changes colour.)

What did the chameleon learn in this story? How did he feel about this?

When chameleon found a friend, how did he feel?

What can you do if you feel sad? What can you do if someone else is feeling sad?

Be Creative:

Time to pull out your notebook or a piece of paper. Draw an animal or try to draw a chameleon. Make the animal big to fill the paper.

Choose colours that you think a chameleon might like. Use wax crayon to add designs on your animal.

Choose another wax crayon to outline the animal.

With your paint set, dip the brush in water and swirl it around a paint colour. Do not use a lot of paint.

Paint over sections of your animal. The crayon portions will resist the paint and not allow it to stick. This is called a “crayon resist” technique.

Put your art somewhere to dry.

Make sure you sign your art in the bottom right hand corner, just like a professional artist.