

New Colors...Pastels

A 4 year old preschooler from West Midland Family Center's "The Monkey Class" noticed that, "she is wearing a pink shirt like that" ("bright pink" is the word the teacher gave her), "and I am wearing a shirt like this" as she pointed to herself ("light pink" is the word the teacher gave her). They noticed they were the same color, but different. The teacher gave them the word "pastel". She wondered how to make a pastel color. During small group their teacher gave them red, blue and yellow paint to mix. Soon the teacher introduced white paint and they wondered what would happen to their current color. They each added white to their colors and realized they made it turn to lighter "pastel" they exclaimed. They each gave their color creation a name. Now they notice when something is pastel or bright.



Picture on the Left: A preschooler shows her "Rosie Pink" pastel color she created with others displayed in the background on the left.

Picture on the Right: Another preschoolers continues to use her newly learned knowledge and paints with "Pastel Purple" that she made during a choice time.

