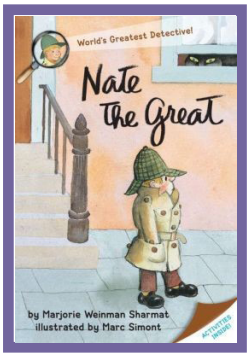

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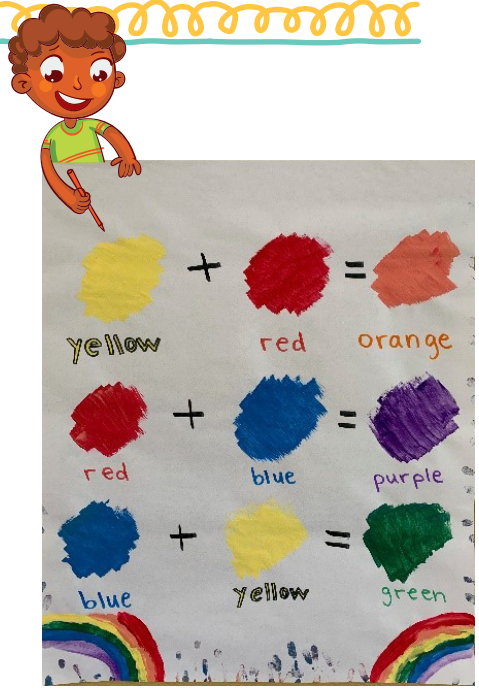
ACTIVITY: MIXING COLORS TO CREATE NEW COLORS!

SUPPLIES:

- Red, yellow, and blue paint
- Paintbrush
- Paper plate
- Paper



DIRECTIONS:

1. Use the paper plate as your palette to mix your paints.
2. Place a dab of red paint, then yellow paint, and blue paint in separate areas on your palette.
3. Experiment with making new colors by mixing two different colors in another area of the palette.
4. When you have created every color of the rainbow by mixing your paints, paint a rainbow on your paper!

Take a pic!

Take a photo of your new colors and send it along with your name to: connect@gradelevelreadingsuncoast.net

MIND in the Making

The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs

Executive Function Life Skill: Critical Thinking

Critical Thinking is the ongoing search for **valid and reliable knowledge to guide beliefs, decisions and actions.**

Suggestions for Promoting Critical Thinking

TIP:

Nate the Great understands that to be a detective, everything counts, and he has to look for clues everywhere. For example, he notices that Annie likes yellow.

Ask your child:

- "What else does Nate the Great notice?"

SKILL:

In order to **think critically,** children need to be **observant.**

TIP:

Ask your child:

- "What theories does Nate the Great develop to find the missing painting?

SKILL:

Critical Thinking centers on developing **theories or hypotheses—proposed explanations based on evidence that can be tested**.

TIP:

Ask your child how Nate the Great tests his theories or hypotheses. Include what questions he asks (such as if there are any trapdoors or secret passages in Annie's house) and how he conducts experiments to test his theories (such as digging for the picture in Annie's yard).

SKILL:

Critical thinking involves testing theories by **asking questions and conducting experiments.**

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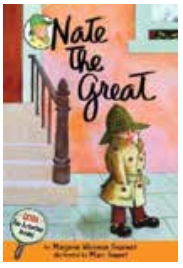

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You will notice that these tips promote two child development principles: **Serve and Return** and **Executive Function** skills.

Serve and Return, like game of ball, involves a back and forth conversation between you and your child where you listen, then build on and extend what your child says or does to promote learning.

Executive Function skills are skills you use to manage your attention, your feelings, your thoughts and your behavior to reach your goals.

They include being able to pay attention, remember information, think flexibly and exercise self control.

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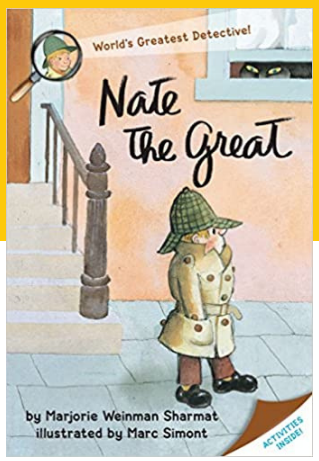

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1st Grade - Week 6, Book 2

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WORD BANK: Write a Sentence

Read each word and definition from our Word Bank. Create your own sentence using each word and write it on the line below.

detective: A person whose job it is to investigate and solve crimes

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case: The mystery a detective is trying to solve

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clue: A piece of information used in detection of a crime or solving a mystery

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solve: To find an answer to a problem or mystery

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pancake: A thin flat cake, usually fried and turned in a pan

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strange: Unusual or surprising in a way that is unsettling or hard to understand.

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