The project on the next page goes along with the book *A Color of his Own* by Leo Lionni.

If you don’t have this book, click here to listen to the book read aloud by a member of The Ringling’s Education Staff!

In this story, we meet a chameleon who wishes he had a color of his own. Other animals have their own colors, but chameleons change color wherever they go. One day, he meets another chameleon who promises to stay with him so that wherever they go they will always be the same. They may not have a color of their own, but they have each other.

For the art activity on the next page, you will be creating color transfers! Your drawings will become the same color as your colored paper, just like the chameleon changes color to match wherever he goes.

MUSEUM CONNECTION

This project was inspired by the statue *Putto Holding Scroll* found on the grounds near Ca’ d’Zan.

The sculpture has become hidden in plain sight, just like the chameleon from the book. While the sculpture was once visible, it has now become camouflaged by a Banyan tree. Over the years, the Banyan’s roots have grown around the sculpture, hiding it from those passing by on their way to Ca’ d’Zan. It is hard to see, but the Putto (or cherub) holds his right hand to his head as if deep in thought while his left hand holds a scroll in front of his stomach. What do you think he is thinking about? What could be written on his scroll?

STANDARDS:

- LAFS.K.RL.1.3
- LAFS.K.RF.4.4
- VA.K.S.1.1

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ACTIVITY
A COLOR OF HIS OWN

MATERIALS:
2 PIECES OF WHITE PAPER, OIL PASTELS OR CRAYONS, AND A PENCIL

DIFFICULTY LEVEL:
SIMPLE

COLOR TRANSFER

DIRECTIONS

1. Cover one sheet of paper in different colors using oil pastels or crayons. Try to leave no white spaces!
   *Tip: If you use crayons, you need to press down pretty hard as you color!

2. Place the blank sheet of paper directly on top of your colorful piece.

3. Take your pencil and draw whatever you would like on your blank paper. You may need to press down a little hard when drawing.

4. When you’re finished drawing, remove your top sheet and flip it over. Your drawing has transferred the colors and become rainbow!

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU CREATE!

Click here to share your masterpiece on our Family Programs Facebook Group!