

Sand Writing



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Preschoolers
2.5 - 4 years

Kids love to play with sand and love to paint- why not combine both with this fun and practically free art activity?!

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

Language

Indicator:

Identifying the letter that begins their names and its sound

Skills:

Letter Recognition



Materials

- Sand
- Small index cards
- Markers
- Small shells/rocks (optional)
- Small baking tray or flat sensory bin



Instructions

Step 1: Dump sand into a thin layer in the sensory bin/tray.

Step 2: Using markers, write letters on each index card.

Step 3: Place the card in front of the bin and have your child use their finger to copy the letter in the sand.

Step 4 (optional): The child can use the pile of shells/rocks to fill in the lines of each letter to really understand what each letter looks like. The more practice for each letter the better!

Step 5: Have the child practice writing the letter several times until they're comfortable to move onto the next letter in the deck. You can also encourage them to practice the letters in their name.



Age Adjustments

For older preschoolers: Use sight words instead of letters.

For younger toddlers: Start with shapes and squiggles. Once they've mastered those, feel free to then move to upper case letters like E, F, L, and then more tricky ones like K, A, Z and W.



Playful Questions

- Which finger do you like to use best to trace the letters?
- Which letters were easier to trace?
- Can you spell your name in the sand?
- How many rocks/shells fit inside each letter?
- Can you trace the letters without the letter cards?