

Promoting Letters

Here are some activities you can do with your child at home to help them learn letters...Without holding a pencil!

- Use magnetic letters to sequence and match letters. Practice forming their names.
- Use felt letters or alphabet cards to sequence and match letters.
- Put plastic letter in a feel bag or box and let the children guess what letter they are feeling.
- Paint letters on an easel/finger- paint letters.
- Write letters with your finger in cornmeal, sand, pudding, foam soap, bird seed, shaving cream, or colored sand.
- Glue various items (beans, noodles, cloth, cotton balls, miniature marshmallows, rice or paper) to make mosaic in the shape of letters.
- Build letters with Play dough, pretzels, or bread dough
- Use masking tape or rope to make letters on the floor and have children trace with their feet, walk or crawl on them, drive toy cars on them, follow the shape of the letter by "painting" with a paint roller, roll them out with rolling pins, hop or jump along the letter lines.
- Make tactile alphabet cards for matching and trace with colored glue, yarn and glue, dry jell-o and glue, puff paint, glue and sand, cornmeal, etc.
- Write letters on magna-doodles, clay/dough trays, black/green boards, dry-erase boards, paper with sandpaper under it, paper with a bumpy board under it.
- Sort letters
- Play "Gone Fishing" with alphabet cards
- Complete alphabet puzzle of all the letters or sequence alphabet cards.
- Make alphabet cards and cut them in half to match them.
- Match upper and lower case alphabet letters.
- Find letters in printed material.
- Hide letters in sand, rice and beans, or birdseed and have kids find them and identify them by feeling and then looking.
- Sponge paint letters.
- Play "I Spy" with letters.