

Watercolor Alphabet



Learning Value:

This activity will give your child the opportunity to build their knowledge of print and the alphabet while they discover letters through cause and effect.

Materials Needed:

- ▶ 26 white index cards
- ▶ White crayon
- ▶ Watercolor paint
- ▶ Water
- ▶ Paintbrushes

Participants:

This activity is intended for adult/child interaction.

Directions:

- ▶ **Step One:** With a white crayon, write one letter of the alphabet on each index card.
- ▶ **Step Two:** Provide paints, brushes and cards to your child and encourage them to paint over the cards.
- ▶ **Step Three:** As your child discovers the letters on each card, discuss their names and the sounds they make. Name a few words that start with each of the letters and encourage your child to think of one on their own.
- ▶ **Step Four:** If desired, after the cards dry, help your child punch a hole in each corner and bind them together with string or a binder clip.

Learn More:

Ask your child why they think the watercolor paints do not work on the white crayons. Introduce the concept of water resistance.