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Alphabet Sand Writing

Instructions for Set-Up

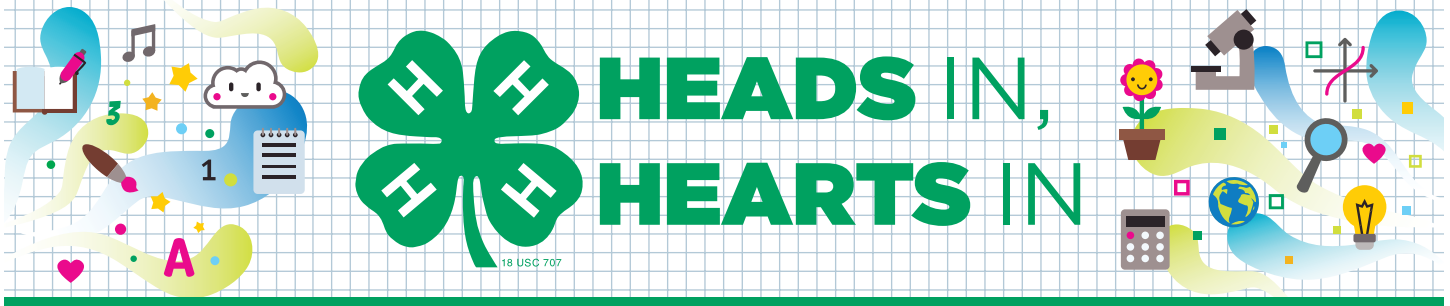
Supplies

- “Guide for Families” handout
- Clear plastic standup display (optional)
- “Letter Cards” handout
- Four 9-inch pie plates
- Play sand (approximately 2 pounds)
- Display table

Activity Preparation

- ▶ Purchase or locate items on supply list.
- ▶ Print one copy of the “Guide for Families” handout. Laminate or place in a clear plastic standup display to allow participants to see it more readily.
- ▶ Print a copy of the “Letter Cards” handout on durable paper. Cut letter cards apart and laminate.
- ▶ Cover the bottom of each pie plate with play sand.
- ▶ Set up the display table and arrange needed supplies.





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Guide for Families

Learning Objectives

What you need to know:

Literacy skills are an important part of school readiness. Young children don't need to know how to read just yet, but they can practice pre-literacy skills such as writing, recognizing letters and knowing letter sounds (the letter "b" makes a "buh" sound like you hear in "bear"). Early literacy skills can help children be ready to learn how to read when they get to school. Children need lots of hands-on practice to build strong muscles in their hands and to learn letter shapes so they are ready to learn to write once they get to school.

What you will do and learn:

Children will practice recognizing and writing letters in sand.

Instructions

1. Select a "Letter Card."
2. Encourage the child to copy the shape of the letter with a finger in the sand. He or she may need your help to write the letter.
3. Once you've practiced the letter a few times, choose a different "Letter Card" and practice writing that letter.
4. See if the child can write all the letters in his or her name.

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Letter Cards Handout

A

B

C

D

E

F

G

H

I

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Letter Cards Handout, continued

J

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Alphabet Sand Writing

Letter Cards Handout, continued

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Letter Cards Handout, continued

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Letter Cards Handout, continued

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Letter Cards Handout, continued

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