

Alphabet Knowledge

AK12

Emergent Writing

Writing My Name

Benchmarks: G.2a, G.2b



Objective

The child will begin to write own name (first, last, or nickname).



Materials

- Sensory materials (e.g., sand, shaving cream, and play dough)
- Whiteboards
- Dry Erase markers and erasers
- Paint and paintbrushes
- Paper
- Writing Utensils
- Child Name Cards



Activity

After teacher introduction, children begin to write own name using a variety of materials.

1. Set out Child Name Cards face up on the table.
2. Prepare a sensory tub such as sand, play dough, or shaving cream.
3. Set out other materials for writing names.
4. Children select their name card from the table.
5. Pick three ways to practice writing from the choices set out.
6. Teacher evaluation.



Adaptations and Extensions

- Make name cards with raised puff paint or colored glue for the children to trace with a finger.
- Start by writing the first letter in name. Gradually increase to writing complete name.
- Choose one way to write name.
- Add last name.
- Trade with a friend and write a friend's name.
- Take the activity outside to write names with chalk on a sidewalk.

