

Early Literacy Kit #1: Alphabet

Kit Contents and Replacement Costs

Object	Quantity	Replacement Cost
Melissa & Doug ABC Picture Boards (13 Boards & 52 Letters,)	1	\$21.99
Book: <i>Eating the Alphabet</i>	1	\$18.80
Book: <i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</i>	1	\$18.99
Early Literacy Binder	1	\$5.92
Mesh Toy Bag	1	\$1.00
12"x12" Scrapbook Case	1	\$18.99

Things to know if you check out an Early Literacy Kit at Town Hall Library:

1. Only 1 kit per family per visit
2. Kits check out for 3 weeks with no renewals
3. Kits must be returned to the circulation desk at Town Hall Library
4. Kits must have all pieces as listed on the content sheet in the kit
5. Please allow up to 48 hours (about 2 days) for kits to be checked before they will be checked in
6. Patrons will be charged for lost/damaged items in kit

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Extra Activities

Secret Letters

This is a crayon resist early literacy activity. This activity is a wonderful way to work on letter recognition and have some fun painting in the process.

Here is what you have to do:

Materials Needed:

- White Paper
- White Crayon
- Watercolor Paints
- Paintbrush
- Cup of Water



Directions:

Source: <https://busytoddler.com/secret-letters-activity/>

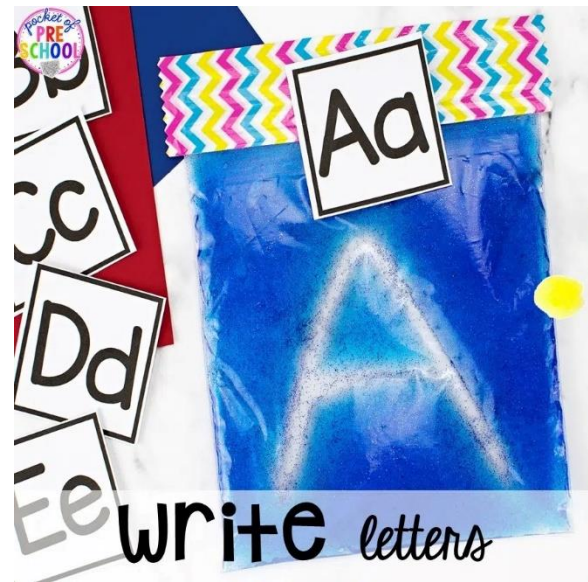
1. Write different letters all over the paper using the white crayon. It will be hard to see so try not to overlap your letters.
2. Let your child use the watercolors to paint over the page and reveal the secret letters.
3. Scaffolding: WMELS III.C.EL.2
 - a. For younger children (ages 2-3): only use two or three different letters and repeat them on the paper. This will help with your child's letter recognition.
 - b. For preschool children (ages 3-5): use a combination of lower case and upper-case letters to help your child recognize the different cases of letters they will see when they are reading.
 - c. For older children (ages 5-7): write out different sight words and test your child's word recognition as they are revealing the words.

Letter Sensory Bags

These sensory bags are great for many projects but work well for letter activities. All you need is a zipper bag, hair gel, and food coloring or liquid watercolor for this project. Here is what you have to do:

Materials Needed:

- Clear hair gel
- Thick Zipper Bag (Dollar Store ones might be too thin)
- Food coloring or liquid watercolors
- Duct Tape (having a decorated one makes the bags more fun)
- Optional: Glitter to make it more sparkly



Directions:

1. Put the clear hair gel in a thick plastic baggie.
2. Add in a few drops of food coloring or liquid watercolor
3. Close the bag and make sure all the air is out and test the bag. Write a letter to see if you need to take some gel out or add some more gel.
4. Secure the bag with duct tape.
5. If you have a leak, place a piece of clear duct tape over it and you can continue to play!
6. Use letter or number cards to let your child work on letter and number recognition. Need letter and number cards, follow this link for some:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UflgDUdLS1gvDDtV2haMQXg3a3sJITSY/view?usp=sharing>
7. Scaffolding: WMELS III.C.EL.2
 - a. For younger children (ages 2-3): use the sensory bags to have children copy lines for a prewriting activity. This will get your child ready to start writing letters.
 - b. For preschool children (ages 3-5): use the sensory bags to have the child copy letters from letter cards. The bags can also be used for

other prewriting activities such as writing numbers and sight words too. This will help with letter recognition and writing.

- c. For older children (ages 5-7): use the sensory bags to copy sight words or spelling words for a different writing experience. This helps with writing skills and word recognition.

Source: <https://pocketofpreschool.com/how-to-make-sensory-bags-letter-and-number-card-freebie/>