

Early Literacy Activities



Consider your child's age, physical skills, and preferences before doing an activity; some may not be suitable for the very young.

- Sort objects around the house into categories (shape, size, color).
 - Find multiple groups of objects, then count to see which group has the most number of items.
- Dance and sing to your favorite song.
 - Change the lyrics to include the child's name.
- Find pictures of animals and make animal sounds.
 - Talk about where the animals live and what they eat.
- Write the numbers 1 – 10 on separate sheets of paper, then collect items around the house that represent the amounts.
 - Cotton balls, berries, and blocks work well for this.
- Create a tactile book. Include simple sentences such as, "I touched the smooth leaf" and then attach a leaf to the page.
 - Foil, cotton balls, and sandpaper can also be fun textures to add.
- Shape letters and words out of clay, beans, uncooked pasta, foam, play dough, or foil.
- Create a dig and find box. Choose several items that start with the same letter and bury them in a pan or bowl filled with rice, beans, beads, or sand. Have your child dig out and find all the items and identify them.
 - Examples for the letter E: a plastic Easter egg, a magnetic letter E and number 8, a toy elephant, and an envelope.
- Google "letter crafts" to find ways to turn printed letters into different items.
 - The letter A becomes an alligator when you color it green and add sharp teeth and eyes.