



Play Dough Letters

Ages 2 years—3 years

Objective: The child uses their senses to explore dough and learns the letters of the alphabet.

Materials needed:

Play Dough (any colors) *Do only if not-allergic*

Small popsicle sticks (optional)

Procedures

1. Have your child sit at a small table with you.
2. Place the dough on a large cookie sheet tray.
Flatten it out with your hands. Encourage your child to help you. Use adjective words to describe what it feels like to your child.
3. Build early literacy skills by making letters with the dough. Roll it like a "worm" shape and use it to design letters on the tray in front of child.
Picture to show example is on next page.
4. As you make a letter, say that letter to your child. Make the letters in your child's name, or just random letters of the alphabet to teach.
Ask child to repeat or tell you each letters name.
5. Encourage your child to make certain letters with you. Such as, you make "A", then they try.



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6. You can also use small popsicle sticks to make letters in the flattened out play dough, such as shown in the picture below. Ask child to help you.



Milestones to meet:

The child builds early literacy development after seeing and making letters written in dough. The child can repeat and say letter names.

Evaluation:

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?