Writing in a Box

Grades K - 8



Purpose of this activity:

To reinforce letter formation and recognition through a tactile and visual approach, making it easier for students to remember letters and sounds.

What you'll need:

A shallow tray, sand, salt, or rice, and flashcards with letters or words.

How to play:

- 1. Place the tray, the sensory material of choice (salt, sand, or rice), and the letter or word cards on your work surface.
- 2. Fill the tray with a thin layer of sand, salt, or rice.
- 3. Place the cards of choice face down on the work surface.
- 4. Choose a card from the top of the pile and place it next to the tray so you can see it easily.
- 5. Use your finger to trace the letter or word in the sand.
- 6. As you trace, encourage say the letter sound or the word out loud.
- 7. Smooth the sand out after each letter or word and continue with new ones.
- 8. Repeat steps 4-7 as many times as you can but at least through 10 cards.













