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Ann George: Early Primary Literacy Stations

Recognizing and sorting the alphabet

- magnetic
- fabric
- blocks
- foam
- felt
- sand paper
- milk caps
- 9X12 cards for matching upper and lower case
- Spray painted rocks (gold with upper and lower case on opposite sides)
- scrabble tiles
- alphabet puzzles
- floor puzzles
- Bingo
- We're going on a letter hunt (in class, school, or outdoors)
- Swirled and straight lines - students look for letters and numerals
- Books - children look at illustrations to find letters
- Children staple alphabet paper chain links together in order

Making the alphabet

- play dough (shaped or cut with letter-shaped cookie cutters)
- pasta
- pipe cleaners
- beaded weighted shoe laces
- bright orange plastic stir sticks
- Lincoln logs (wooden)
- washable markers right on the table
- coloured cornmeal and rice (on trays)
- ground coffee (on trays)
- small squirt of shaving cream (on a place mat)
- finger paint
- large ziplock bag with 1/4 cup of Dollar Store gel
- letter stamps
- chalkboards
- sidewalk chalk
- old paintbrushes and a bucket of water - paint letters
- Teacher reads alphabet stories and models how to run finger along lines of letters to reinforce directionality; children make letter with finger (in air, on lap, on child's back)

Working with words

- pick up sticks (popsicle sticks with sight words)
- pocket charts (poems)
- word cards - reassemble words in order for poem
- strips of construction paper - students make names
- letter stamps to make words
- children staple word paper chain links together to form a sentence
- arts and crafts - stencils, fancy scissors, paper
- reading centre - ikea tent, stools
- list-making centre
- picture frames with lined paper
- class spy: writing on clipboard
- small pieces of paper stapled together for mini-book
- writing challenge - write a sentence with 100 letters (older students)
- old paintbrushes and a bucket of water - paint words on pavement
- sidewalk chalk
- skipping rope spelling