

Introduction

What better way to help your child learn the alphabet than playing with toy letters in flour? The identification of letters in an important part of your child's ability to read and write. Toy letters provide children a way to interact with the alphabet through hands-on play. They are able to feel the shape of the letter and can see how the letter "A" is different from the letter "S."

In this activity we will create a letter excavation station!



Supplies

- Magnetic letters
- Flour
- **Paper**

- Cookie sheet
- Paint brush
- Marker

Instructions

- 1. Place letters on cookie sheet: Set 4-6 magnetic letters onto cookie sheet in any order.
- 2. Write letters on paper: With a marker, write the selected letters on a piece of paper.
- 3. Pour flour to cover letters: Pour an even layer of flour to cover the magnetic letters on the cookie sheet.
- 4. Brush away flour to find letters: Using a brush, sift through the flour to uncover the letters.
- 5. Match the found letter to the written letter: Place the letters onto the worksheet, matching the letters as you find each one.

How to Use Your Letter Excavation Station

Have your child brush away flour to discover hidden toy letters. Encourage your child to identify the letter they discovered. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss letter sounds and associated words.

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