Paint Chip Word Families

Episode 7

Introduction

Learning to read new words can be daunting. Rhyming helps your child notice patterns and rules in words, a critical skill to get your child ready to read.

One way to teach this skill is by creating word families with paint chips. These paint chips are all about strengthening rhyming skills. Read on instructions for this easy craft!

Supplies

- Paint chips (single-colored and multi-colored)
- Strips of cardstock (about 3 in. long)
- Marker
- Glue

Instructions

1. Decide on a word family: Write it out on the single-colored paint chip.
2. Cut a 1-inch x 1-inch square hole at the beginning of the word family.
3. Write beginning letters on the multi-colored paint chip: Feel free to write some beginning blend sounds as well!
4. Glue both ends of the cardstock strips to the back of the single-colored paint chip: Position the two strips horizontally over the square hole.
5. Slide the multi-colored through the strips so that the beginning letter/sound is shown through the square hole.

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How to Use Your Paint Chip Word Families

First, sound out the word family with your child. Then, go over the beginning letter/blend sounds. Finally, slide the longer paint chip under the word family paint chip. Practice sounding out the words with your child. Once they get comfortable reading, switch around the different colors of paint chips and see what nonsense words appear!

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