

# Suds and Fun

## Primary Objectives

- 7b. Uses writing and drawing tools
- 19b. Writes to convey ideas and information

## Why It's Important

Children can learn writing skills using more than just pencil and paper. Introducing new materials for writing encourages your child to practice holding different types of writing implements and use them to form familiar letters and words.

## Materials

Paintbrush; smock; shaving cream; table or large cookie sheet

## What You Do

1. Invite your child to put on a smock and join you at the table. Put some shaving cream on the table or cookie sheet in front of her.
2. Encourage her to explore it with her hands and spread it out on the table. Talk with her about what it feels like and what it smells like. *What does this shaving cream feel like to you?*
3. Give her paintbrushes or toothbrushes, and show her how to use them to write in the shaving cream.
4. Encourage her to practice writing any familiar letters or words. *Would you like to try to write a few letters or words?*
5. Ask her to identify any letters or words she writes. Accept any attempts at forming letters.
6. Continue the activity for as long as your child is interested. Spread more shaving cream on the table, if needed.