

# Sandy Letters

## Primary Objectives

- 7a. Uses fingers and hands
- 16a. Identifies and names letters

## Why It's Important

When you introduce letters and numbers to your child, using textures and physical sensations will add another dimension to the experience.

## Materials

Cardboard; glue stick; 3 cups of sand; pie plate or cake pan; newspaper

## What You Do

1. Cover a table with newspaper. Invite your child to use the glue stick to make marks or letters on a piece of cardboard. Accept anything he draws or writes.
2. Have your child sprinkle sand onto his glue marks. Make sure every mark, squiggle, or letter is covered with sand. Let the glue dry.
3. While your child's "letters" are drying, use the glue stick to write his name in large uppercase letters on the other sheet of cardboard. Talk about the letters in his name. Invite him to sprinkle sand all over the glue. Make sure the glue is covered with sand.
4. When the glue is dry, carefully shake excess sand into the pie plate or cake pan.
5. The letters are now ready for your child to use. Invite him to trace each dry sand letter with a finger. Encourage him to say each letter aloud. Offer assistance, as needed.