

Emergent Writing

MAKING PROGRESS: Letters

What You Need:

- modeling clay or play-dough
- paper and pencil

What You Do:

1. Print a few letters of the alphabet on the paper, making them at least 6 inches tall.
2. Roll lumps of clay into long, thin pieces.
3. Help the children form the strips of clay into letters. At first, children can make the letter directly on the written model. They can progress to forming the clay below the written letter, using it as a guide.

Why?

Children become familiar with the shape of the letters and practice forming them independently.

