

Lovin' Literacy Stations

The positive effect this grant has on my current students and will continue to have on future ones is seen daily as we use the items I was able to purchase. Some of the items I purchased include: magnetic letters to spell their name and sight words, trace and erase alphabet boards, and magnetic alphabet charts. The items are used to strengthen children's interest and awareness as they learn the alphabet, write letters, and learn sounds of the letters in the alphabet. We have a specific time set aside each day to learn as we engage in literacy activities in small groups. These activities are hands on; they provide reading and writing opportunities that allow my students to develop and strengthen their literacy skills while having fun. Many children choose to play with these literacy learning activities during free choice center time. That tells me they love this kind of learning and playing. It is a great sound to hear children talking about what they are doing while learning and working together.

I also purchased At-Your-Seat Storage Sacks so my students can keep their alphabet and writing book neatly on back of their chair. This helps each child learn how to keep up with their belongings and begins to teach responsibility at an early age. It also has a place card with each child's name written on it. This teaches name recognition. It can be easily removed when they are practicing name writing.

I am seeing students engaged in literacy activities, having fun learning, and scores are increasing. When children love what they are doing, they will want to do it again and again. My students love this time of day!