

## Fun Activities to Foster Growth in Spelling

Gross motor activity forms the foundation for further learning. Children need large muscle activity daily to foster development including finger skills. Try some of these fun activities while practicing spelling and sight words!

- Put letters on index cards on the floor. Wheelbarrow walk the child over each letter as they say the letter out loud. When finished walking through have them spell the whole word.
- Roll child over large ball (while on their tummy) and touch each letter to spell a word.
- Place words and/or letters on cards on the floor and have child jump on the correct letter to spell a specific word.
- Make tactile cards with puffy paint or glitter. Have the child trace over the word while saying each letter individually.
- Have child say their spelling word while doing jumping jacks.
- Have child log roll while spelling their spelling words.
- Hide magnetic letters in water or shaving cream or other tactile material. Have child find the letters and put them in order.
- Have child sing the spelling words or sight words.
- Hang a piece of yarn across the room and have child clothes pin index cards (with letters on them) in the correct order.
- Play "leap frog" with a sibling, saying each letter as they jump.
- Have child roll out playdoh to make letters and spell words.
- Write letters on a chalkboard and have child erase letters with their finger in the correct order to spell the word.
- Sit on the floor and pass a ball back and forth. Every time you catch the ball you have to say a letter to eventually spell the whole word.
- Write letters on bubble wrap and have child pop the letters in order to spell the word.
- Blow bubbles and have child pop the bubbles one by one while saying a letter each time to eventually spell a word.

Always have fun!!!!!!