

Letter Formation:

Multisensory learning is helpful for children because it can help reinforce letter formation by addressing various learning styles and engaging the student on multiple levels. When using play-doh, sand, wiki sticks or other items to learn letter formation, the brain is given another way to integrate the information.

1. **Shapes:** Practicing shapes is a way to actually work on letter formation. Many lines for making shapes are needed for writing letters.
2. **Pipe Cleaners:** Use pipe cleaners to make various letters to do something other than pencil and paper
3. **Bathtime:** If your child takes long baths, spray some shaving cream on the wall and have them write out various letters, shapes, or numbers in the cream.
4. **Sand or Snow:** Similar to shaving cream, use a cookie sheet with sand to write out letters. If there is snow outside, have them write them in the snow.
5. **Finger Paint:** Use finger paint to write out the ABC's or paint a picture and write about it.
6. **Sticker Letters:** Draw out the letters on a piece of paper and have your child put small stickers on the lines to make the letter.
7. **Play-doh:** Roll the play-doh into long snakes and form different letters or shapes. This also will help with strengthening the muscles in the hand.
8. **App: Dexteria:** This is an app you can use on a tablet or phone, it focuses on fine motor skills, pinching, and writing.
9. **More Apps:** Letter Cats, Letter Reflex, Letter Cats