



Typing on the Computer

Ages 4 years to 5 years

Objective: The child can recognize letters by typing on the computer in a Word Document.

Materials needed:

A computer with some sort of typing document (i.e. Word Doc, Notepad, Works, Sticky Notes)

Procedures:

1. Pull up a program which allows you to type on it.
2. Allow your child to just start typing letters.
3. Show them they can type the letters in their name. Have them say each letter as they type spelling out their name.
4. Let them free-type for however long they seem interested.
5. Now go through the letters of the alphabet. Have them type it and say it. Ask things like: "Can you find and press the letter A?" Press it for them if they do not know. Ask them to press it now and say the letter. See it on the screen. Repeat for other letters following these same directions.



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6. Have them make easy, short two and three-letter words. Say words like "mom, at, in, and, the, dad, yes, no" to them...help them to spell them out while they find the letter on the keyboard and type the word. Have them repeat saying the word after they are finished typing it out.

This activity not only helps them become introduced to the computer and letters, but also helps their awareness of technology and builds their fine-motor skills in their fingers and hands.

Milestones to meet:

The child can recognize letters. The child uses technology and knows how to type. The child increases their fine-motor skills while pressing buttons on a computer. The child can make words.

Evaluation:

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?