



Write With Chalk

2 years to 3 years

Objective: The child builds fine motor skills by writing with a piece of chalk.

Materials needed:

Black sheet of paper

White piece of chalk (fat chalk will be easier for an child to grasp and pick up)

Procedures:

1. Place your child at a kid-friendly small table.
2. Put the black sheet of paper down in front of your child.
3. Show them how to do it first: Grab the piece of chalk and color with it on the paper. Then start writing letters, numbers, or drawing shapes. Say the names of each as you do so. (Such as: "Mommy is drawing a circle. Can you say circle?")
4. Now give them the white chalk and a new piece of black paper.



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5. Let your child show you what they want to "write" or draw.

6. Typically at this age they will only "scribble" or make marks on the page, but that is a sign of their acknowledgement that they understand "marks have meaning" in print; that is perfectly okay and normal. Always reinforce the concepts through asking your child, "can you write letters or draw shapes?" Then, show your child what you mean. They will eventually "catch on" and try to do it on their own.

Milestones to meet:

The child can hold a piece of chalk. The child makes marks on a page to resemble a form of writing.

Evaluation:

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