



**Strong Start to reading™**  
"Making a difference in the life of a child"



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Cookie sheet or tray

### Playing the Game:



### Learning Connections:

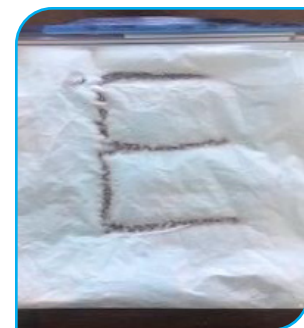
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- automatically read and understand some high-frequency words.
- develop control of small muscles.

## Textured Writing



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2. Have your child print a few letters, sounds or words they know using their finger.
3. Smooth over the material each time.
4. Print new letters, sounds or words the same way.
5. It is important that your child uses their finger so that they can feel the texture. This movement helps your child to remember the letters they have printed.
6. Think about what other materials that could be used for this activity. A plastic bag filled with shaving cream (with a drop of food colouring) provides another way to form letters over and over, smoothing away the letter each time.



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