

Lemon Juice Writing

SKILL EXPLANATION:

Fluency is enhanced as children recognize words. Print awareness is developed as children recognize alphabet letters. Reading and writing are mutually beneficial activities.

ADULT PREPARATION:

1. Copy the family letter (Appendix B4).
2. Write *I love you* on a strip of paper.
3. Put lemon juice in small plastic cups.

ACTIVITY INTRODUCTION SUGGESTION:

"What do you use when you write? Today we are going to write a secret message with lemon juice."

THEME INTRODUCTION SUGGESTION:

This week's unit is *the five senses*. Today we will write a message that we won't be able to see until it dries."

PROCEDURES:

The children will complete the following steps:

1. Write their names on individual sheets of white construction paper with a pencil.
2. Dip a cotton swab into the lemon juice.
3. Look at the words on the strip of paper.
4. Identify the letters and the words.
5. Write *I love you* with the lemon juice and cotton swab.
6. Set the paper to the side to dry.
7. Once the paper is dry, take it home with the family note instructing the family to iron the paper.

NOTE:

The lemon juice will dry and become invisible. Heat from a low iron will turn the writing a light brown. The family will be able to then read the message.

AGES: 4-6

GROUP SIZE:

4-6 children

DEVELOPMENTAL GOALS:

- ✂ To develop print awareness
- ✂ To enhance fine motor control

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Using lemon juice and cotton swabs, the children will recognize words and write a message.

MATERIALS:

Copy paper
Family Letter 2
(Appendix B4)
Marker
Strip of paper
Lemon juice
Small plastic cups
Smocks
White construction paper
Pencil
Cotton swabs

