Wet-Dry-Try on the Slate

This is a favorite activity because it teaches so many skills. You write a chalk letter and teach each step. Children wet the letter, dry it, and then try it with chalk. The little bits of sponge and chalk reinforce correct grip.

Materials/Setup
- Slate (1 per child)
- Little Chalk Bits
- Little Sponge Cubes
- Little cups of water
- Paper towels

Grouping
1 - 5 children

Support/ELL
You say the words for each step slowly. Children join in when they can.

► Video Lesson
View the video lesson, Letter K on the Slate Chalkboard, at getsetforschool.com/videos

Activity
Teacher’s Part – Write F with chalk
Start in the starting corner.
Big Line down. Jump to the 🌞.
Little Line across the top.
Little Line across the middle.

Child’s Part – Wet-Dry-Try
Wet F with sponge. Say the words with the teacher. Wet F with finger, the same way.
Dry F with crumbled towel. Say the words.
Try F with chalk. Say the words.

✔ Check
Observe if children follow directions. Do they complete the steps to make a letter?

More To Learn
Review already learned letters with chalk. You demonstrate on one slate. Children imitate on their slates. Erase with a tissue.

Look What We’re Learning

Foundation Skills
- Sequencing
- Listen to oral directions to attend to a simple task

Oral Language
- Repeat teacher’s words
- Learn words linked to content being taught
- Use new words linked to content being taught

Writing
- Use helping hand to stabilize objects and papers

Sensory Motor
- Use same hand consistently to perform skilled tasks
- Use index finger to trace numbers

Social-Emotional
- Interact easily with familiar adults

Vocabulary
letter F across
Big Line wet
Little Line dry
jump try
top sponge
smiley face squeeze

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