

Activity Name
Shell Names

suggested age group: 5-6, 7-8

type of activity:

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materials needed:

sidewalk chalk
large pieces of sand-colored paper, one per child
tiny shells
bottles of liquid glue
small dishes for shells
small dishes for glue
small paintbrushes for glue

setting the stage / picture book:

read Turtle Knows Your Name by Ashley Bryan
("fungi" is pronounced "foon-jee")

activity plan:

first, have the children write their names on the sidewalk with chalk so you can point out any letters in "backwards land"

second, have the children use their finger to trace their names on the large paper to be sure their entire name will fit at the size they want the letters to be; often, children have to revise their idea of the sizing

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finally, have the children write their names with liquid glue and add the tiny shells

follow up / notes:

this works best in an outdoor pavilion space with tables

this is a good use for “ruined” paintbrushes that are stiff

it is best for children to get the practice in squeezing liquid glue, but some children do not yet have the hand strength; using a dish of glue and a paintbrush is a good second option