

RAFT IDEAS

Topics: patterning, symbol, object and letter recognition

Materials List

- ✓ Large transparent plastic strips (2 per person)
- ✓ Matching paper and EVA foam
- ✓ Die cut shapes (green room has tiny bears, apples, leaves and stars)
- ✓ Rubber bands
- ✓ Dry erase markers

This activity can be used to teach:
CO Reading, Writing and Communicating Standard 2: Reading for All Purposes

- Symbol, object and letter recognition
 - Patterning
- Grades: k, 1, 2



Patterning Puzzles

A great tool for guided reading centers



Interchangeable pattering strips can allow for quick and easy assessments of students' growth on pre-reading skills that include symbol, object and letter recognition.

Assembly

1. Make die cuts of shapes in matching paper and EVA foam.
2. Place paper shapes in desired patterns between two plastic strips.

To Do and Notice

1. Individually have students match foam shapes to the paper shapes that are secure inside the plastic strips.
2. Then have students extend the pattern beyond the paper pieces that are shown.
3. As students are ready, have them label the pattern with dry erase markers on the plastic strip, e.g. ABA, ABBA, ABC, etc.

The Research Behind the Activity

Pre-reading skills are the skills children need in order to help them to become a reader. Many of these skills are learned naturally, during the course of a normal childhood, at home and in the nursery/preschool environment. These skills include: matching, recognizing and orientation (direction).

Web Resources

http://www.familylearning.org.uk/pre-reading_skills.html