

Bentleigh West Kindergarten Inc.

HOME LEARNING – Creative Arts



Magic letters with wax

What you need:

- White papers that have been written or drawn on with wax
- white papers without wax
- White wax crayons or candles
- Watercolour paints (different colours) you can also use food dye and water
- Paintbrushes



Experiment:

- Adult prepares 2 types of paper, 1 paper without wax, 1 paper that has been drawn on with wax.
- Invite the child to brush the watercolour paint on the paper without wax
- Do the same with the paper with wax.
- Invite the child to observe and compare the phenomenon between the 2 papers.
- Allow child to experiment with crayon (wax) and paper to explore the phenomenon. You might like to encourage your child to write their name.



Intentional teaching:

When we expose the paper to water, it gets completely wet because paper can absorb water, but if we rub some wax on it, a layer of wax is applied to the paper which protects the paper from the water.

Learning Outcomes

In terms of literacy, this activity helps children observe and recognize lowercase and uppercase letters.

In terms of art, children explore the colours and mixing when they contact with the paper.

In terms of science, children explore that paper absorbs water and makes the paper wet. Water does not cling to wax. The wax protects the paper and keeps it dry.

