

Core Skills Analysis

Writing

- Developed fine motor skills through practicing letter formation and handwriting in the Little Genius: Writing program.
- Learned to construct simple words and sentences, enhancing early literacy and sentence structure understanding.
- Practiced spelling basics, gaining familiarity with word patterns and common phonetic constructs.
- Increased confidence with written expression, supporting communication of ideas through writing.

Phonics

- Recognized and identified letter sounds, improving phonemic awareness.
- Practiced blending sounds to form words, foundational for reading proficiency.
- Distinguished between similar phonetic patterns, aiding in decoding unfamiliar words.
- Enhanced vocabulary by associating sounds with corresponding letters and words.

Tips

To deepen understanding following the completion of Little Genius: Writing and Phonics, encourage your child to engage in reading aloud sessions using simple storybooks that highlight phonics patterns just learned. Incorporate multisensory activities such as using letter tiles or sand trays to trace letters and blend sounds physically. Additionally, create storytelling opportunities where your child writes their own short stories, reinforcing sentence construction from the writing practice. Finally, use daily opportunities for phonics practice, like spotting sounds in environmental print or playing rhyming games, to solidify their decoding skills and keep learning engaging.

Book Recommendations

- [Alphabet Rescue](#) by Audrey Wood: A fun, rhyming story that introduces letter sounds and phonics concepts to young readers.
- [See It, Say It, Spell It!](#) by Joan Holub: A helpful guide for children practicing writing and spelling with clear phonics patterns.
- [Phonics from A to Z](#) by Wiley Blevins: A comprehensive but child-friendly introduction to phonics principles perfect for early learners.

Learning Standards

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.K.1: Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.K.2: Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.K.3: Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.K.2: Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts.

Try This Next

- Create a worksheet where the child matches letters to pictures representing phonetic sounds they have learned.
- Draw and write your own mini storybook, using newly learned words to practice writing and phonics together.