

Core Skills Analysis

Language Arts

- Recognized and practiced the alphabet through American Sign Language (ASL) letter signs, reinforcing letter recognition in a visual and kinesthetic manner.
- Developed fine motor skills by imitating precise hand shapes required for each ASL letter.
- Enhanced visual memory and attention to detail by watching and copying hand movements from a video.
- Started building foundational skills in a new language modality, encouraging bilingualism and cultural awareness.

Social-Emotional Development

- Practiced patience and concentration while watching and mimicking the detailed finger spelling.
- Boosted confidence through mastering new gestures and communicating non-verbally.
- Developed empathy and inclusivity by learning about a communication method widely used by Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities.

Tips

To deepen your child's understanding and engagement, try incorporating interactive games where they spell simple words using ASL and have family members guess. Explore ASL storybooks or children's songs with sign language to broaden vocabulary and context. Consider visiting a local Deaf community event or watching videos featuring conversational ASL to see signs used in real-life settings. Encouraging your child to teach you some letters or words can reinforce learning and boost self-esteem.

Book Recommendations

- [Sign Language for Kids](#) by Lindsay Perez: A colorful introduction to basic ASL signs, including the alphabet, designed for young learners.
- [My First Book of American Sign Language](#) by Chester J. Fontenot Jr.: A beginner-friendly guide that teaches ASL in a fun, visual way with simple words and phrases.
- [The ASL Alphabet Coloring Book](#) by T.J. Atwood: Allows children to color each ASL letter sign, combining creativity with learning the alphabet.

Learning Standards

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.K.1 - Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print, including recognizing letters.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.1.2 - Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.2.6 - Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation, supporting clarity in communication. (Extended to non-verbal communication.)
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.1.2 - Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly. (Adapted for multi-modal communication.)

Try This Next

- Create a worksheet with pictures of objects that start with each ASL letter for your child to sign and color.
- Challenge your child with a quiz where they watch a sign video and write down the letter or word they saw.