

## Secret Letters Activity

### You are your child's teacher:

Provide your child with a wide range of different play activities and inexpensive materials to support their play so that they can explore and develop their language in different areas.

Watch and listen to your child when they are playing to find out what interests them. Use your findings to start conversations about things that they enjoy playing with.

**Early Learning Goal:** Communication and Language.

This is a crayon resist activity, meaning you paint ON TOP of the crayon.

Here's how to set it up: Take a white crayon and write letters all over the paper. White on white makes them so hard to see. The crayon wax acts as a barrier against the watercolour paint (resisting it) making the letters magically appear on the paper.

#### **Materials:**

White paper

White crayon

Watercolour paint

#### **A few tips to make this successful and some extensions:**

Make sure the brush has enough paint on it. You can't paint over this lightly!

Print your letters firmly but not too firm. If you make them too light, the crayon resist technique doesn't quite work. Make them too dark and you can see the letters before they've been painted over.

**Extensions:** Hide words, phrases, sentences. Make a secret note!

Not ready for letters? Draw pictures, shapes, squiggles – it's all about the magic in the reveal.

