

Letterland

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The other day I saw a Nursery student painting a picture on an art easel. She had made long strokes of yellow, purple, green and blue. They blended together to make what looked like a rainbow. I took a pen off my desk and approached her to ask permission to write her name on her painting. It was then I realized she had already written her name using paint and a paint brush! I was so amazed at this three year old student who had learned to write her name.

This is credit to a program called Letterland. It is a writing program that teaches the girls letters in a fun way. Each letter is given a character to make it more fun and memorable. For example the letter 'A' has a character named "Annie Apple" who tells a short story. The worksheets that go along with the letter encourage the girls to trace the letter (in a certain manner) and find different things that start with that letter. There are specific directions given to the girls to encourage them to learn the sound and the shape of a letter.

Mrs. Moffatt, who teaches Letterland in our program, has been teaching it since October and the girls are now on the letter 'J'. It is with a sense of immense pride that we watch as the girls begin to write and recognize their names and simple words!