

Activity: Dandelion Dance

Target

Letter: Dd

Sound: /d/

Materials and Preparation

- Have students make Dandelion hats beforehand by gluing/taping/stapling yellow construction paper cut into flower petal shapes to a green construction paper headband.
- Have the students write the upper and lowercase D/d on the petals of their flower hats.
- Set a space aside to have the dance.

Curriculum Connections

Early Kindergarten

- Letter Names
 - Initial Sound Identification
 - Letter-Sound Association
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Activity Instructions

State the Target:

Explicitly state the target, “You will learn the /d/ sound by dancing. D says /d/.”

Model the Target:

Take out the Dandelion hats the children made on a previous occasion. Put on a dandelion hat. Show the children various D actions such as: dance, dip, dive, duck, drum, etc. As you say each action, emphasize the /d/ sound. Set appropriate rules for the dance.

Provide Playful Practice:

- Have the students put on their dandelion hats.
- Have the students form in a circle and instruct them to follow you in dancing, dipping, diving, ducking, drumming, etc.
- Be sure to call out each D action before and while doing it.

Review the Target and Monitor Progress:

- Talk about the actions you did in the dance.
- Ask the children to tell you the sound that was at the beginning of each action.

Lesson Links

Dino Dots