

Appropriate for :
Young Toddlers and Older Toddlers.

Outdoor Chalkboard



SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Large piece of plywood, or other sturdy boards
- Chalk board paint
- Chalk, erasers or damp pieces of cloth

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Cover wood or board with chalk board paint. (Found in the paint section of any hardware store.)
- Make sure the corners of the wood are sanded and safe for children.
- Attach the chalk board to your fence and provide chalk for the children to use.

What the adult can do to support learning and development in these domains:

- Encourage children to think of different ways to use the materials.
- Adjust level of help to fit different situations and children's abilities.
- Talk with the children about what they are drawing.
- Encourage children to work together when using the chalk board and help them notice each others' contributions.

Examples of language that can be used between caregiver and child:

- "Tell me about your drawing."
- "You are using the side of the chalk stick to make very wide lines from top to bottom!"
- "I see you used orange here and green over there. I wonder what color you will use next."
- "Look at Jake's circles. You are making lots of circles too!"

This activity highlights support for the following *NCFELD* domain:

Cognitive Development	Approaches to Play & Learning	Language Development & Communication	Emotional and Social Development	Health & Physical Development
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