

Squiggle and Write

Literacy Skills / Writing



Materials

1. Writing paper
2. Black marker
3. Squiggle cards



Virginia SOLs

K.11, 1.11, 1.12, 2.11, 2.12

Procedure

1. Squiggle and write helps students when experiencing writers block. When students are stuck and just can't think of anything to write, encourage them to select a squiggle.
2. Prepare squiggle cards by making a black line squiggle on an index card. Maintain 30 cards in the basket at a time, replenishing when low.
3. Students take the squiggle cards and must turn the squiggle into something - a setting, main character, animal, event, etc. Children glue the squiggle card to the writing paper or in their journal. Students illustrate the squiggle to build a story and then begin writing about the squiggle.

