Letter Sound Sand Tray
Literacy Skills / Letter Sounds

Materials
1. Pie tins with sand
2. Box of pictures chosen from picture sorts or cut from a magazine

Virginia SOLs
K.4, K.7, 1.4, 1.6, 2.4

Procedure
1. This activity adds tactile modality to learning letter sounds by having children write the corresponding letter(s) in the sand.
2. Pick a picture from the box and say the initial, medial, and/or final sound of the word. The position of the sound depends on the focus of the lesson and the children’s instructional level.
3. Students write the letter that corresponds to the sound in the sand.
4. Students lightly shake their pie tins to erase the letter. Repeat as a small group or include as a work station activity with students working in pairs.