

Quill Writing



In camp today, we had the chance to learn how to write with a quill, just like our characters from the past would have done! Even if we don't know all our letters yet, you can bet kids would use anything to draw and be creative. You can use this activity as a chance to learn your letter, learn to write with a quill pen, draw with a quill pen, and even make your own rebus using a quill!

- Step 1: Find the following supplies in your camp kit:
 - Table covering
 - Plain White Paper
 - Parchment Paper (thicker, light tan paper)
 - Quill
 - Ink
 - Ink Bottle
 - Piece of Felt.
- Step 2: Lay your tablecloth down where you will be writing. Sometimes ink can get messy, and we don't want your ink to leave a stain!
- Step 3: Before you begin, think about changing into a shirt you wouldn't mind getting dirty.
- Step 4: Ask an adult to help you mix your ink. Place the powdered ink into the ink bottle. Add 1 oz of water and stir until the powder is dissolved. **DO NOT SHAKE THE BOTTLE!**
- Step 5: Starting with the plain white paper, grab your quill and dip it into your ink. Before you begin writing, dab the end of your quill on the felt. This will take off excess ink and not leave big black blobs all over your paper!
- Step 6: Begin writing. It will take a couple of tries for you to figure out how to hold your quill pen to make good looking letters or shapes. Be patient. If you want to try writing, you can use the letter guide below!
- Step 6: Keep practicing until you feel like you have gotten the hang of creating shapes or writing letters, you can create a "final" project using your parchment paper, which looks more like paper your character from the past would have had!
- Step 7: If you want to get real fancy, think about making your rebus on the parchment paper! Remember, a rebus is a sentence or story that uses words, but some words are missing and have been replaced with images!

The Cursive Alphabet



Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee
Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj
Kk Ll Mm Nn
Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss
Tt Uu Vv Ww
Xx Yy Zz