

Typewrite Right

Learning Objective:

Gaining keyboard facility.

Materials:

- Rhymes & Poems
- Colour Construction Paper
- Electric Typewriter or Computer
- Typing Paper

Presentation & Storage:

Type out several short rhymes and poems and laminate them on coloured construction paper. Store them next to an electric typewriter or computer and a tray of typing paper. If you use computers, be sure students know how to operate the printer. Be sure the rhymes and poems help students practice every letter, every number, and most punctuation marks.

Process:

Students type one of the poems or rhymes on the typewriter or computer. When introducing the center, model proper hand position and posture.

Helpful Hints:

A good strategy is to make sure at least one student is an expert as inserting paper into the typewriter or printer – this can be quite challenging for children. Again, if students have to interrupt you as you are teaching, they are not set up for truly independent learning. A classroom expert can save the day for you and your kids.