

Child Activity: Braille Snacks



Bright Ideas!

Braille Snacks for Louis Braille's Birthday! (January 4, 1809)

Who was Louis Braille ...

Louis Braille invented "braille", a world wide system of embossed type used by blind and partially sighted people for reading and writing. It has been adapted to almost every known language, from Albanian to Zulu.

Braille Snacks

After learning a little about Louis Braille, this activity was a big hit with our preschoolers! It covers literacy, fine motor and self-help skills!

Ingredients:

- Graham crackers
- Frosting (using white provides higher contrast)
- MM's and or skittles

Directions:

- Break off a square of graham cracker.
- Use a knife to get some frosting and help your child spread it on the graham cracker.
- Use the candies to put braille dots on the graham cracker; you can talk about the first letter of your child's name - how many dots are in that letter (the letter "a" has one dot, the letter "b" has two, the letter "c" has two etc.) - or just use the dots to "scribble" on the graham cracker and ask your child what they have written!

- **Remember, this is fun! It does not need to be exact, just messy and yummy - and giving kids the idea that they have the power to write things with those fabulous braille dots!**