



## Teaching with a Flannel Board

This document provides the value and techniques of using a flannel board.

The flannel board is a popular and successful teaching aid when working with young children.

### Values of a Flannel Board

- Provides an attractive focus of attention
- Encourages children to participate
- Helps to sustain interest by providing an element of surprise as materials are added to the visual scene
- Enables the teacher to present various concepts
- Develops vocabulary and verbal skills
- Develops listening skills
- Increases the enjoyment of storytelling
- Is easy to make with an average size of 18" x 24"
- Is easy to store
- Is convenient and simple to use with a little practice, limited only by the creativity and resourcefulness of the teacher

### Techniques to Ensure Success

- Do not crowd the board. As you add pieces, take off others.
- Organize the pieces ahead of time so the story will go smoothly.
- Tilt the board slightly so pieces will adhere.
- Encourage as much participation as possible.

### Materials that Adhere to a Flannel Board

- Felt
- Flannel
- Burlap
- Suede
- Corduroy
- Velvet
- Sandpaper
- Flocked paper
- Velour paper
- Woolen yarns
- Cotton
- Chenille wire
- Balsa wood
- Nonwoven interfacing

