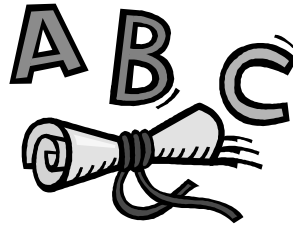


Developing Alphabet Knowledge



Learning the letters of the alphabet is important for later reading and writing success. It takes time! Be patient and **HAVE FUN!** Children need to notice letters before they can name them.

Here are a few ideas to get you started...

1. Practice singing the “ABC” song
2. Write child’s name where appropriate (e.g., on their door, crafts, place mat, or personal stuff) and read it for them
3. Play with letters (e.g., sensory play – draw letters in shaving cream, make letters in the sand, use play dough to make letters)
4. Point out print in child’s environment
5. Say the name of letters and draw attention to it
6. Have child practice copying their name

While reading with your child you may say things like:

1. “This is the letter ‘S’. Your name starts with the letter ‘S!’”
2. “This word starts with ‘S’, let’s copy the letter ‘S’.”
3. “Look here is a ‘M’, can you find another ‘M’.”