

Here are some fun activities that you can do with your child that will help him/her learn the letters of the alphabet. Feel free to use other activities that you might know of also. Be as creative as you want and have fun!!

Throughout the school year you can also supplement the homework with these activities. Just keep adding new letters as they are introduced at school. Please keep in mind that these activities are meant to be fun for you and your child. They are only to help you find fun ways to practice the letters. You can play along with him/her also. For example, have your child tell you a letter to find, write, etc.

As you do the following activities, you might want to focus on one letter at a time and once you feel your child has mastered that letter move on to another letter. You can also use the following activities to practice sight words.

1. Find certain letters in a book that you read. For instance, tell him/her to find the letter Aa. You can also give him/her the sound of the letter and have him/her find the letter.
2. Cut the letter out of magazines, newspapers, or junk mail. Keep asking your child what letter he/she is looking for and saying the name of it. You can use this silly song if you like (tune to The Farmer in the Dell) "I found a letter \_\_\_\_, I found a letter \_\_\_\_, hi ho the..."
3. Play Memory/Concentration or Go Fish with flash cards. While playing these games have your child identify the letter name and/or letter sound.
4. Create the letters using play-doh, blocks, cereal, macaroni, or anything you can think of. Once again, you can tell your child a letter name or letter sound and have him/her create the letter.

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5. Take a bowl of water and a big paintbrush outside and write the letters on the driveway, patio, or sidewalk (using the water as "paint"). Say the letter or letter sound.
6. Play with food... Make snack/lunch look like the letters and ask your child what letter it is. Your child can also have fun writing letters in a layer of pudding on a plate. Or make letters out of cooked spaghetti noodles without sauce. You can even make pretzel dough and create letters from the dough. Also sugar cookies in the shape of letters.
7. Spray some shaving cream in a Ziploc bag, let out the air, seal the bag and double seal it with tape. Your child can now use his/her finger to write on the bag and the letter will appear in the shaving cream. Practice letters and sounds.
8. Use pipe cleaners or yarn to make the letters.
9. Read alphabet books from your home collection or go to the library and check some out. Focus in on the letter that you are practicing. Have your child identify the letters that we have been doing before you read that page.
10. Sing silly songs. For example... (tune of "Who Let the Dogs Out")..Who let the A out (then make the sound of A for the barking or wave the letter in the air saying A) continue for other letters. You or your child could hold up the letter or you could just sing it in the car while practicing letter sounds.