

LETTER KNOWLEDGE

Knowing letters are different from each other, knowing their names and sounds, and recognizing letters everywhere

NOTE: Babies & toddlers are too young to understand what letters are and that when they are put with other letters they form words, which represent things. This skill is developed primarily with preschoolers.

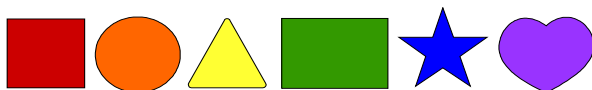


Sing the alphabet song with your child to help him learn the names of the letters and their order.

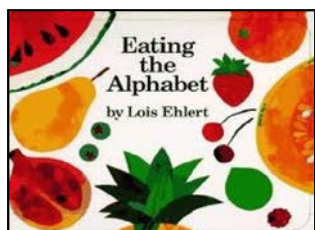
A - B - C - D
E - F - G . . .

SHAPES

The beginning of letter knowledge is seeing and recognizing shapes. Read a book about shapes with your child and have fun talking about the different types of shapes. Follow up by pointing out shapes of things around your home to reinforce learning.



Encourage your child to make letters with paint, crayons, clay or, even, in sand.



Share alphabet books with your child and be sure to point to letters as you say their names and sounds. There is no need to quiz your child on letters, just expose her to the letters.

Go on a letter treasure hunt. Start with the first letter of your child's name. Show your child the letter and write it down; then, as you go through the day, see how many times you both can find that letter. Once that is mastered, move on to other letters, such as M for Mom or G for Grandpa.

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