



Bee Cave Public Library

Fun & Games With

KEEP it casual! Follow your child's interest and attention span to keep first experiences with letter names and sounds light. No need to rush letter learning!

START WITH the tried and true: the "Alphabet Song." This activity is so common for a reason: it's effective! Have fun with it.

NOTICE whether your child is interested in letter learning or is easily frustrated. If your child is not quite ready to focus on letters, then point out shapes as a first step of letter recognition.

TEACH your child the shapes that make up letters, such as circles, curved lines, straight lines, and dashes.

Alphabet Books



CALL ATTENTION to the first letter in your child's name. Write it and show it to your child. Emphasize it when singing the "Alphabet Song."

CONTINUE letter learning with additional letters that appear in your child's name.

IF your child is ready, then CREATE a routine for teaching one letter over time with much repetition. Write the letter and say the letter name, sound and example, such as *d* is for dog.

BUILD and WRITE letters with your child using play dough, shaving cream, a tray of salt, or paint. Provide a written letter to copy.

GUIDE your child in a letter hunt for a particular letter. Have them look for the letter on signs, labels, and around your house.

PROVIDE alphabet toys, such as foam or magnetic letters and alphabet puzzles for your child to play with. Repetition is key to letter learning.