

# **Suggestions for Letter Name, Letter Sound, Word and Number Recognition Acquisition**

- Letter Factory DVD and Leap Frog Products <http://shop.leapfrog.com/leapfrog/>
- Memory/Concentration - Play flash card games. Start with the letters your child already knows then add new ones one at a time. Use the letters in your child's name as a basis to build on.
- Magna-Doodle Magnetic Writing Board (Fisher-Price) for practice writing of letter/sound/numbers.
- Whiteboard writing of letters and numbers (Be sure to check proper formation so that bad habits are not practiced).
- Sidewalk Chalk Writing.
- Form letters with small marshmallows and toothpicks.
- Bath Tub Writing of Mirror Writing with foam soap.
- Look for letters in print while driving: Business signs, License plates, Street signs.
- Look for letters in stores and restaurants: Menus, Signs, and Packaging.
- Look for letters at home: Books, Packaging, Appliances, TV, Mail, Toys, Cookie Cutters, and T-Shirts.
- Cut out letters from old catalogs and magazines... Make an ABC notebook using plastic sleeves - one pocket for each letter gluing the cut out letters and pictures that start with that specific letter sound.
- Play with refrigerator magnets...purchase lowercase magnets from Lakeshore Teacher Supply.
- Play with alphabet puzzles and games.
- Fish for magnetic letters out of a tissue box using a paperclip on a string.
- Sing the ABC song while your child points to letters.
- In the car, waiting room or home, play I spy with my little eye something that starts with \_.
- Guide older siblings on how to play school with your kindergarten child.
- Use the library's books on tapes.
- Draw letters in mashed potatoes, applesauce, pudding, etc.
- Make letters, numbers or even words out of corn kernels or dried beans.
- Have your child say the name of the letter while tracing it. Use a highlighter in making letters for your child to trace (easier than dots). Be sure letters and numbers start at the top.
- Model the writing of letters, numbers or words and have the child say it. Then have him/her write a line of the letter,etc. saying it every time. Be sure to practice proper handwriting skills as well!
- Read alphabet books. Point to letters in simple words.
- Have your child print name cards to place at the table with everyone's name.
- Match upper and lower case letters on 3x5 cards.

## **Perceptual Activities**

Play a visual memory game on a whiteboard where first, you give your child a few letters or numbers (start with 1 or 2 letters or numbers at first and then increase). Let them look; and then erase them. They have to remember the letters or numbers on the board and recall verbally and write them neatly (practice uppercase and lowercase). Progress to CVC Words and High Frequency Words. This can also be done with magnetic lowercase letters on a metal cookie sheet or your refrigerator to build words. Build the word, say it, remove it and have your child make the word from memory.