

Kindergarten

Suggestions for Letter Names, Letter Sound and Number Recognition

- 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 or design objects.
- Bath Tub Writing or 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.
- 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 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.
- Use the library's books on tapes.
- Draw letters in mashed potatoes, applesauce, pudding, etc.
- Make letters out of corn kernels or dried beans.
- Have your child say the name of the letter while tracing it.
- Write the letter down and have the child say the letter. Then have him write a line of the letter saying the letter every time. Practice proper handwriting skills as well!
- Read alphabet books. Point to letters in simple words.
- Make or buy a large letter rug or bedspread for your child's bedroom.
- 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.

