

The Kids'



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Getting Ready for Kindergarten!

Letter identification



- Sing the alphabet song with your child.
- Give your child a page from a magazine and circle a letter on the page. Have your child circle all the other letters that match.
- Together, make a name sign for your child's room.
- Help your child write and spell his/her name. Print each letter and say its name as you write it.
- Play alphabet games – for example, “I spy something that begins with the letter M.”

Phonemic Awareness



- Have your child come up with words that start with specific sounds – for example, “let's find things that start with the mmmmm sound”.
- As you read books, ask your child to listen for words that begin with the same sound. Then think of another word that starts with the same sound.
- Sing rhyming songs together. Let your child fill in the blank to complete rhymes.
- Say three words and have your child identify the two that rhyme – for example “cat, dog, rat”.

- Come up with as many rhyming words as you can – be silly and have fun with it!
- Make up silly sentences that all start with the same sound – for example, “Patty picked peppers for her papa. Tim took two turtles to talk to today”.

Language and Vocabulary



- Spend some time doing new things! Talk all about what you see – encourage your child to talk about how things look, smell and feel. Take pictures of things and have your child explain the pictures to other people.
- Ask your child to follow directions and encourage them to do things independently. For example, setting the table, getting dressed and preparing snacks!
- Encourage play dates with other children.
- Play games like, “I’m going on a picnic and I’m bringing...” and see how many things you can remember.
- Go to the library together. Read titles on book covers, talk about the picture on the cover. Ask your child what they think the book will be about. Let your child help you turn the pages and underline each sentence as you read. Have your child narrate what they see on each page.