

Dear Families,

Your child is learning to **read lowercase and uppercase letters of the alphabet**.

You can help your child practice reading letters by doing some of these activities together at home.

Here are some activities for you to try:

1. Make two sets of lowercase or uppercase flashcards and **play a game of Concentration with your child**. Start with only a few pairs of matching letters and place them face down. Ask your child to turn two of the cards face up. If the cards match, have your child keep them. If they do not match, have your child turn the cards face down again. Take turns with your child. When all the cards are matched, the game is over. As your child becomes more comfortable with the game, increase the number of matching letters.
2. **Print lowercase or uppercase letters** on a sheet of paper. Ask your child to point out specific letters that you name.
3. Ask your child to **find a particular letter in old magazines** or newspapers and have her cut and paste each matching letter onto a sheet of paper.
4. **Play Alphabet Bingo**. Make several bingo cards with five rows of five letters each. Then, write each letter of the alphabet on a small piece of cardboard and put the alphabet squares in a container. Now you're ready to play.
Give your child a bingo card and keep one for yourself. Have markers (pennies, pebbles) available. Draw one letter at a time from the container and read it aloud. If you or your child finds that letter on either of your cards, cover that letter with a marker. The first player to cover a row horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, yells, "Bingo!"
5. As you ride in the car or on a bus, **ask your child to identify letters in traffic signs**. On a long trip, try to find all the letters of the alphabet by looking at signs and license plates.
6. **Read alphabet books with your child**. Here are a few suggestions:
Beylon, Cathy and Fremont, Victoria. *A Is for Astronaut*.
Carter, David. *Alpha Bugs*.
Girnis, Margaret. *ABC for You and ME*.
Hoban, Tana. *26 Letters and 99 Cents*.