

Parent Techniques to Promote Literacy Development

Activity Five: Talk about the Alphabet and Letters

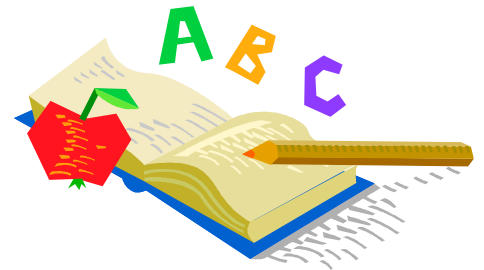
Try to link a letter to the child's life if you can. This helps children notice the letters that make up the words so they can sound out a word they don't know later on.

Say things like:

- This is the letter A. Your name starts with the letter A!
- Here is the letter C. We see that letter a lot because it starts the word "Crest" on our toothpaste.
- This is a capital "T", but this is a small "t". They are the same letter but we can write them two different ways.

Suggested Book: Dr. Suess, ABC

Reason for Book Choice: Talks about the entire alphabet and shows kids what words start with that letter.



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