

Practice naming lower case letters (practice skill through end of kindergarten or until mastered)

Learning to identify alphabet letters is best done in simple steps.

Step 1: learning to say or sing the alphabet.

Step 2: learning to point to alphabet letters while saying the alphabet.

Step 3: learning some letters that have relevance to the learner like the letters in their first name.

Step 4: learning about more alphabet letters- shape, match, and name.

- a. Strategy to teach skill: Use modeling clay or playdough to make logs to shape into each alphabet letter. See the following pages. Children need time to contemplate the shape of each letter and forming each letter provides them the time to contemplate. See the following pages as an alphabet model for the children use. Laminate this alphabet model or use a page protector to cover the alphabet model so that it can be reused. Name the letter for, and later with, your child as the letter is made.

And watch the Alphabet Wiggles: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUcSoUC-9pc&feature=feedrec_grec_index

- b. Strategy to teach skill: Print out the alphabet pages twice. Use one set as an alphabet mat to match to and cut-up the other set as a “letter cards” to match to the mat. Say the letter for, and later with, your child as the match is made to help them learn the letter’s name.

- c. Practice the identifying the lower case alphabet the *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* way:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIBuNibrJHY>

- d. Practice identifying alphabet letters, upper case and lower case, and letter sounds with Starfall.com:

<http://www.starfall.com/n/level-k/index/load.htm?f>

a b c d e f g

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