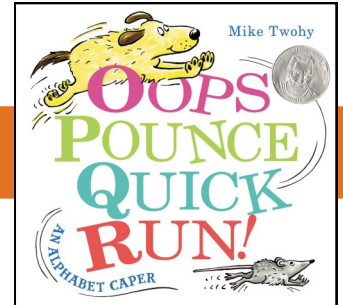


TAKE-HOME FUN!

Early Literacy Tips, Activities & More



tales' tip

While researchers have not yet found a best order for teaching alphabet letters, there is an "own-name advantage," meaning that a child usually learns the first letter in their own name (and in the names of family members) before learning other letters. **TALK** about this letter whenever you see it in books, on signs, or on items in your home.

(adapted from NAEYC)

activity

Use materials around your house to create the shapes of different letters: play dough, blocks, crayons, yarn, etc.

This helps kids understand the shapes of letters and will help them be ready to write letters later on.

digital fun

[Letter Dance Party](#)

Sesame Street

<https://pbskids.org/sesame/games/letter-dance-party/>

READ

[Click, Clack, Quackity-Quack](#)

by Doreen Cronin

[Albert's ABCs: A Sibling Story](#)

by Henry Cole

[I Stink!](#)

by Kate McMullan

[Z is for Moose](#)

by Kelly Bingham

PLAY

Have an alphabet scavenger hunt wherever you are! Look for the letters of the alphabet all around you, starting with A.

This game is a great way to show kids how to stay occupied while waiting for something. Learning self-control helps kids get ready for school!

TALK

Children need to know three things about letters: the name, the shape, and the sound. **TALKING** about letters on signs, pointing out letter shapes in sidewalk cracks or buildings, and voicing letter sounds while interacting are all ways to make these connections. (Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy)

SING

Alpha-Beat

First clap your hands.
Then stomp your feet.
Everybody do the alphabet beat.

Apple, Apple, Apple – a – a – a,
Apple, Apple, Apple – a – a – a,
Wave your arms high.
Swing your arms low.
The alphabet beat is the way to go.

Blue, Blue, Blue – b – b – b,
Blue, Blue, Blue – b – b – b,
Move to the left. Move to the right.
The alphabet beat is way out of sight.

Car, Car, Car – c – c – c,
Car, Car, Car – c – c – c,
Shout it out loud
Whisper down low.
Just one more alphabet beat to go!

Dog, Dog, Dog – d – d – d,
Dog, Dog, Dog – d – d – d,
Now give a high five to a nearby friend.
The alphabet beat has come to the end!

WRITE

Big letters in picture books are a great opportunity for you to trace letters on the page and let your child do the same. This helps them recognize letters and builds the foundation for drawing and for **WRITING** letters and words.

(Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy)