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Alphabet Letters

Purchase a set of magnetic letters or make a set of letters on paper or Post-it notes. Identify the letters. Think of words that start with that letter. What letter does your name start with? Spell out simple words such as cat, dog, book, ball. Sort them into big/uppercase letters and small/lowercase letters. Match each uppercase with the correct lowercase.

"All About Me" Book

Fold two to three pieces of paper in half and staple the middle to create a blank book. Write down a different fact about your child on each page: child's name, age, favorite activity, book or food. Read the book to your child, asking them to fill in when necessary. Carefully print the words he or she tells you to complete the book. Point out and sound out each word for him or her. Color and draw pictures in the book.

Read a Book

Enjoy a book together! Pick a book from the library to check out and take home. Talk about the cover. What do you think the book will be about? Ask what, why, where, who and how questions as you are reading. What do you think will happen next? Why did the character act that way or say that? How would you react if that happened to you?

Puppets

Make a paper bag puppet or use a stuffed animal. Put a puppet on your hand and one on your child's hand. Have the puppets talk to each other and make up different voices. Tell a story with the puppets or sing a song together.



Books to share with your child to encourage reading:



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