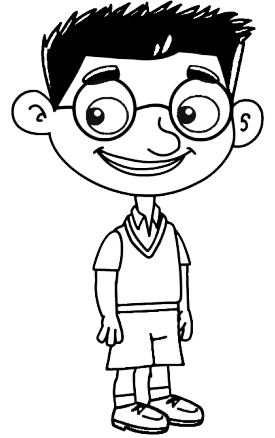


FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE HOME



Letter Match

Print the letter activity sheet found in the activity section. Cut apart the letters. To begin select five letters. Have your child match the capital letter with the lower case letter. After your child is done name each letter. Provide a letter guide if necessary. If the activity can be done with relative ease add five more letters until all of the letters can be matched easily.



Letter Search Game

Letters are found all around. Play a game with your child. Have her find the letters in her name in different types of print material, for example, on a cereal box, an advertisement, in the mail, in a magazine, etc... Soon your child will be able to spot quickly and name the letters of the alphabet in her name. Option: Look for the letters of the alphabet in alphabetical order throughout the home. Make sure to name each letter as it is found.



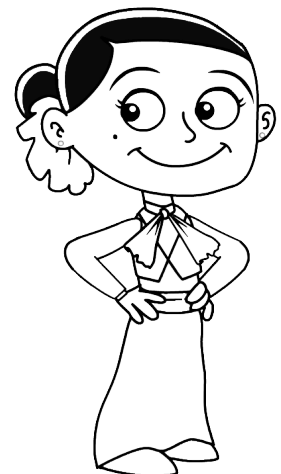
Magnetic or Foam Letters

Buy your child a set of magnetic letters. Place them on the refrigerator door and practice arranging the letters in order to spell your child's name. Once your child has learned how to spell his first name, have him practice with his last name. You might also help your child place the letters in order...a, b, c, d, etc. In the bathtub you can have a set of foam letters for your child to do the same while he is taking a bath. As children progress, they can use the letters to spell simple words.



Name Bingo

Write your child's name on a sheet of paper. Shuffle letter cards and call out the letters. As you call out the letters in your child's name, he crosses out those letters. After all of the letters are crossed out, the child calls out BINGO.



RESOURCES

Alphabet books serve as a resource for children to begin to learn to read, to think and to learn to observe. Not only can young children learn to name the letters of the alphabet but to gain an appreciation for the language through rhymes and poetry.

Books to read aloud:

- *Abecedario de los animales* – Alma Flor Ada
- *Abecedarios: Mexican Folk Art ABCs in English and Spanish*
- *Albertina anda arriba: El abecedario/Albertina Goes Up: An Alphabet Book* – Nancy Maria Grande Tabor
- *Alligator Arrived with Apples: A Potluck Alphabet Feast* – Crescent Dragonwagon
- *Allison's Zinnia* – Anita Lobel
- *Calavera Abecedario: A Day of the Dead Alphabet Book* – Jeanette Winter
- *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*– Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault
- *Gathering the Sun: An Alphabet in Spanish and English* – Alma Flor Ada
- *Grandmother's Alphabet: Grandma Can be Anything from A to Z* – Eve Shaw
- *I Spy: An Alphabet in Art* – Lucy Micklethwait
- *The Graphic Alphabet* – David Pelletier