

Letter Writing STORYTIME THOUGHTS

Alphabet books are one way to help younger children become aware of letters and how they look. There are alphabet books on almost any topic your child may be interested in. Many alphabet books do not have a story that goes in order. When you share that kind of alphabet book with your child, you don't have to read it through from beginning to end. Let your child choose a page that looks interesting to them. Talk about the letter and the picture[s] that go with it.

For older children, learning to write the letters and some words will get them ready for school. Their favorite word will probably be their name. It is also helpful for your child to know why writing is important and that we write for different purposes. Reading different kinds of books, i.e. fiction and nonfiction, and encouraging different kinds of writing, i.e. writing a story or a letter to a friend, can help them understand this.

EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS

Hoopla

- Alphabet
 by Kim Mitzo Thompson
- Alphabet Animals: Alphabet
 Books for Toddlers
 by Baby Professor
- Peanut Butter and Jellyfishes by Brian Cleary
- An Alphabet Scavenger Hunt by Penelope S. Nelson

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CloudLibrary

Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel

BookFlix

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin

Old MacDonald Had a Farm

There's a Spider on the Floor

Itsy Bitsy Spider

PRINT BOOKS FOUND AT THE LIBRARY

- B Is For Baby by Atinuke
- Apple Pie ABC
 by Alison Murphy
- Sleepy ABC
 by Margaret Wise Brown

ACTIVITIES & GAMES

- 🗆 ABC Yoga
- □ ABC Baby Signs
- Encourage your child to write a letter or draw a picture for a friend or loved one. When finished, put the creation in an envelope and either deliver or mail it.

SONGS & RHYMES

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- ABCs/ The Alphabet Song
- Old MacDonetter Farm
- How Much Is That Doggie in the Window?
 - Rainbow Song
- □ B-I-N-G-O

SONGS & RHYMES LYRICS

The Color Song [sung to the tune of tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It"]

If your clothes have any red, any red, any red If your clothes have any red, put your finger on your head, If your clothes have any red, any red.

Repeat w/: Blue-finger on your shoe Yellow-smile like a happy fellow Brown-turn your smile into a frown Black-tap your neighbor on the back White-give a hug with all of your might Rainbow Song [sung to the tune of tune of "Three Little Teddybears"]

Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, Make the rainbow bright.

View the Video

SAMPLE STORYTIME

This is a sample of how you could organize the books, songs, & rhymes, but please do what feels right for you and your little one!

Starting Song: The More We Get Together

Rhyme/Song: Alphabet Song [sing the song at normal pace for the first time and then repeat singing fast and then slow]

Book One: Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin

Rhyme/Song: Rainbow Song

Rhyme/Song: The Color Song

Book Two: Alphabet Animals by Baby Professor

Rhyme/Song: Old MacDonald Had a Farm

Rhyme/Song: Down by the Bay

Book Three: Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel

Final Rhyme/Song: B-I-N-G-O

After Storytime Activity/Game: Letter Writing Activity—Encourage your child to write a letter or draw a picture for a friend or loved one. When finished, put the creation in an envelope and either deliver or mail it.