

Tuesday, August 6th, 2019

Dear Parents,

Use the set of alphabet cards that I have made for your convince to help your child learn the letters of the alphabet. Please use these cards with the various activities listed below. Work with your child for about 5-10 minutes each day with these cards.

The faster you child is able to recognize and say the sound of each letter, the sooner he/she will be ready to read. Your child needs to get to the point where he/she can say a letter sound automatically when they see it. Your child must say the sound with speed in order to blend sounds together.

I have outlined the order in which the letters are introduced each quarter. Each set will have 7 letters in it expect for the 4th Quarter, where there is only 5 letters. The set needs to be organized in the sequence they were introduced in our classroom. For example, letter **Mm** is in **Set 1** because it is the first letter introduced at the beginning of our school year. Please organize the sets as listed below:

Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4
Mm	Cc	Bb	Vv
Aa	Oo	Ll	Jj
Ss	Dd	Kk	Qq
Pp	Hh	Uu	Yy
Tt	Ee	Gg	Zz
Ii	Ff	Ww	
Nn	Rr	Xx	

As your child masters a deck, add the next deck in sequence. Don't add a new deck until your child can give you the name and the sound of each letter (in the deck you are working on) quickly. Remember, you are looking for an automatic response when your child sees a letter. Here's how the learning session needs to be done.

- **Activity One:** Please flash the cards from the set your child is learning. If the letter is not known by your child, tell him/her the letter name and sound. Have your child repeat the name and sound. Work slowly through the set. You may only want to work on 2-3 cards at first. Don't rush through the set. Your child will begin to master the letters when he/she can go through the set quickly. This activity should take about 5 minutes.
- **Activity Two:** Spread the set you are working with on the table. Lay the cards face up in a row. Ask your child to say the sound for that letter. For example: "This is the letter T, what beginning sound do you hear in T? "Correct, the sound for Tt is /t". This activity should take 5-10 minutes. Try to use every card your child is working on to say the sound for that letter.
- **Activity Three:** For review, flash the cards your child is learning. Flash them quickly, if possible. This should take 3-5 minutes.

That's it! Don't over do it. Spending even 5 minutes practicing a set of cards daily is helpful. Put away the cards and do the same activities again daily. Remember, never add a new set until your child has mastered the one he/she is working on.

This one-to-one learning time using these cards will greatly increase your child's reading readiness. In order to start the reading process, a child needs to know the alphabet sounds with a high level of speed. As you can see, your help at home will greatly accelerate your child's learning.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jonathan Clausell, Teacher

Alphabet Card Set Activities

Mm

Aa

Ss

Pp

Tt

Ii

Nn

Cc

Oo

Dd

Hh

Ee

Ff

Rr

Bb

Ll

Kk

Uu

Gg

Ww

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Vv

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