

Amazing Alphabet Achievement in Preschool



Welcome!

- Thank you for being here!
- We appreciate all that you are doing to support learning at home.
- We are partners with the same goal in mind... helping your child succeed.



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Brain building moments

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PB1UognbIVU>

Attendance Matters



Help Your Child Succeed in Preschool:
Build the Habit of Good Attendance
Early School Success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from preschool forward.

Missing 10 percent of preschool (one or two days every few weeks) can

- Make it harder to develop early reading skills.
- Make it harder to get ready for kindergarten and first grade.
- Develop a poor attendance pattern that's hard to break.

High quality preschool programs have many benefits for your child. The routines your child develops in preschool will continue throughout school. You can make the most of preschool by encouraging your child to attend every day!

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Work with your child and his/her teacher to help your child develop strong attendance. Your enthusiasm is a big boost to success.

Talk about it – sing about it – make it an adventure!

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- Share ideas with other parents for getting out the door on time

Before the school year starts:

- Find out what day preschool starts and start the exciting count down!
- Make sure your child has the required shots.
- Attend orientation with your child to meet the teachers and classmates.

Ready – Set GO!

- Develop back-up plans for getting to preschool if something comes up
- Ask family members, neighbors or other parents to lend a hand if you need help dropping off or picking up your child
- Schedule medical appointments and extended trips when preschool is not in session
- If your child seems anxious about going to preschool, talk to the program director, teacher, your doctor or other parents for advice. If the problem persists, make sure the program is a good fit for your child.



WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).

Assessments/ SEP Conferences

- Assessment times
- Your child has been scheduled to come in to take their mid-year assessment.
- We will also be meeting with you (parents) to talk about how great your children are doing.



Guaranteed Viable Curriculum

What should a preschooler be able to do by the end of the school year?

Can my child do this?

- Enjoy coming to school and follow classroom routines 
- Recognize and name basic colors 
- Recognize and name basic shapes 
- Listen to and follow directions 
- Stay focused for 10 minutes 
- Understand concepts of print 
- Cut a straight line and a circle 
- Write their name the correct way 
- Work and play collaboratively with others 
- Ask and answer "wh" questions 
- Recognize, name, write and count numbers 0-10 
- Name all capital/lowercase letters 
- Tell what sound all letters make 

September, October, November

- Enjoy coming to school and follow classroom routines
- Recognize and name basic colors
- Recognize and name basic shapes
- Listen to and follow directions

December, January, February

- Stay focused for 10 minutes
- Understand concepts of print
- Cut a straight line and a circle
- Write their name the correct way

March, April, May

- Work and play collaboratively with others
- Ask and answer "wh" questions
- Recognize, name, write and count numbers 0-10
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#1: ABC Scavenger Hunt

Go around the classroom and look at print on the walls or in books. When you find a letter, use a dot marker to color in the circle next to the letter you found. Find at least 10 letters.



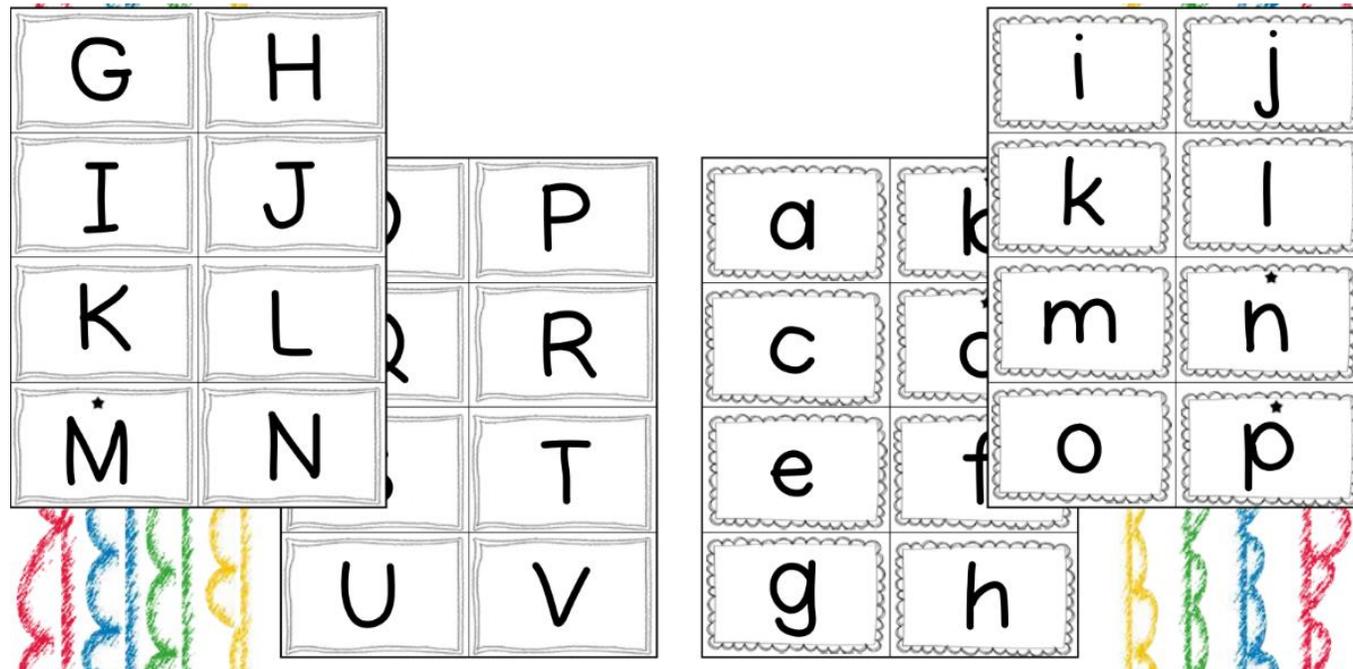
Alphabet Scavenger Hunt

Find something that starts with each letter

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#2: Memory Game

Put the cards face down and take turns turning 2 cards over to find a match of lowercase and uppercase letters.



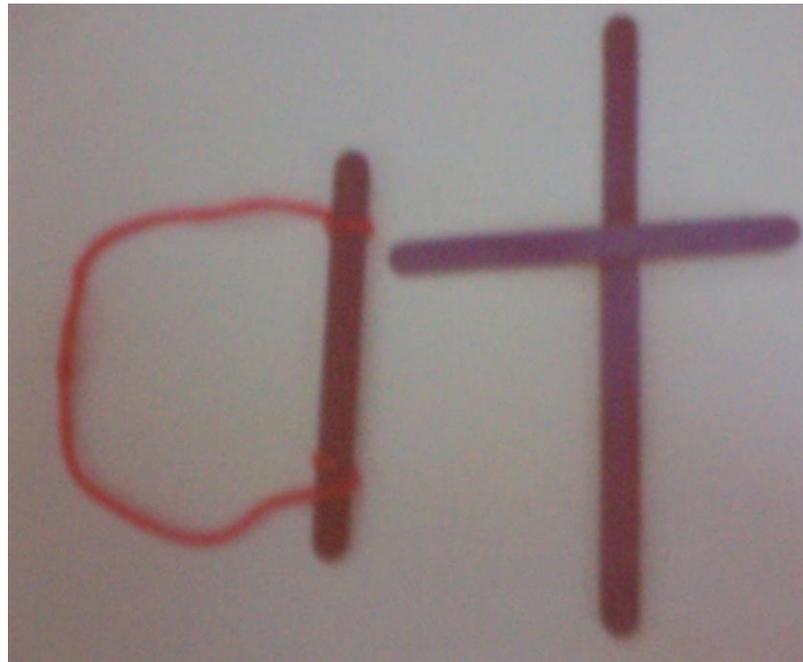
#3: Magazine Letter Hunt

Look through magazines and find the letters in your name.
Cut them out and glue them onto a piece of paper.



#4: Making Letters

Using the alphabet chart for help, use pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks and pom poms to build letters and their names.



#5: Alphabet Cookies

Draw out an alphabet cookie, match it to the letter mat and then color in the letter on the mat.

Name: _____

Letter Hunt

A	B	C	D	E	F
G	H	I	J	K	L
M	N	O	P	Q	R
	T	U	V		
W	X		Z		

The Printable Princess

#6: Play-doh Letters

Make snakes out of play-doh and then form letters. Start with the letters in your name and then work on other letters.



Helpful Tips

All of the activities we did today are simple and cheap!
Please do them at home with your children.
Also, refer to the handouts for more ideas and suggestions to help your children learn their letters and sounds.

Learning about Letters At Home
Give your child MANY opportunities to explore letters!

ABC D

Things to Remember

- Learning about letters should be Fun!
- Hands on experiences make the most impact.
- There are 26 letters (52 if you count uppercase and lowercase separately) in the alphabet. That's a lot of letters to learn.
- Start with the letters in your child's name and build from there. Go slowly. It will take time.

A Child's NAME

It is very likely that the first letter a child will learn is the first letter in his/her name. The next letters he/she will likely learn are the rest of the letters in his/her name and other important words such as mom and dad. Do activities with only the letters in your child's name and build from there!

StarFall is a fun, interactive website and app to help your child learn their letters.
www.starfall.com



NOTICE Letters EVERYwhere

The more you notice letters the more a child's curiosity about letters builds! It will make a HUGE difference! It is so exciting when your child begins noticing letters and start asking you about the letters!

Go on a letter hunt around your home. Notice and talk about the letters you see!

When you are out in the community or in the car, notice the letters on signs, menus, ads, and labels.

Get magnet letters for the refrigerator. Start with just the letters in their name and SLOWLY add more and more letters.

Source: Pinterest

FUN ACTIVITIES TO TRY

- Go outside and make letters with chalk. Erase/trace the chalk with a wet paint brush.
- Make Lego or block letters. Write letters or add letter stickers on the sides of your child's legos and/or blocks. As they build, they can notice, talk about, and learn their letters.
- Go to the library and check out a few alphabet books. Notice and compare what the letters represent in each book.
- Make a name or word collage. Write a word or their name on a piece of paper. Have your child place stickers, dots, tissue paper, beads, etc. on top of the letters you made.
- Make letters with playdoh. First, roll the playdoh into rolls (snakes). Use the rolls to form the letters. You can also use letter cookie cutters!
- Play letters hide and seek! Take your magnet letters and hide them around the room and then find them! Put the letters in order at the end to make sure you have found all the letters!
- Sensory letters! Sprinkle salt, flour, or oatmeal onto a cookie sheet. Your child can use their finger to make letters. Gently shake the tray to erase so you can make more.
- Make a letter collage. Get a magazine or a store ad. Have your child cut out the letters they find. Glue the letters all over the page randomly, glue matching letters next to each other, in ABC order, or make words with the letters.

In the Tub

Bath time can be a fun time to learn about and make letters.

- Get foam letters for the tub. Start with the letters in their name and gradually add more SLOWLY.
- Lather shaving cream on the tub wall and practice making letters in the shaving cream.

MAKE LETTERS PART OF YOUR CHILD'S DAY! TALK, NOTICE, AND EXPLORE LETTERS EVERYDAY!



Source: Pinterest