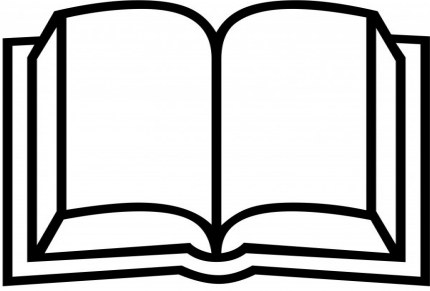


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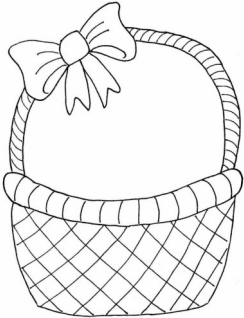


Read a book of poetry this week and discuss rhyming. Talk about how authors use syllables to create a haiku poem. Clap out syllables for objects you see and create your own haiku poem together. Poetry doesn't have to be serious! Here are a few humorous poetry collections:

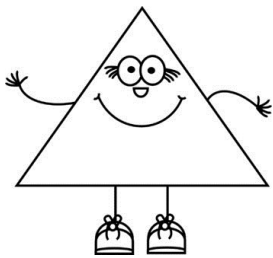
- *Don't Bump the Glump* by Shel Silverstein
- *Pocketful of Nonsense* by James Marshall
- *My Dog May Be a Genius* by Jack Prelutsky



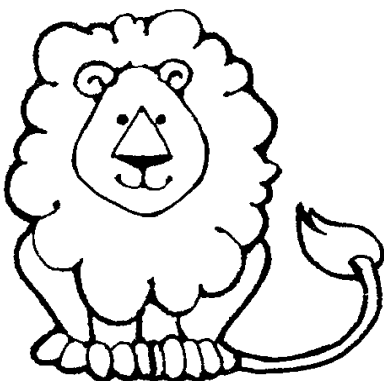
Read a book about nature and take a walk in nature afterwards. Talk about the sounds you hear, the colors/shapes you see in nature. For example, read *Birds* by Kevin Henkes and try to identify birds while walking. Talking is a great way to build background knowledge, an early literacy component.



Have a basket with a variety of animals/items within it. Ask your child to begin pronouncing the word for each object as you pull each item out. What does the word *fish* begin with? Fish begins with an /f/. Is there anything else in this basket that begins with an /f/? This is a pencil; does the word pencil begin with a /f/? No, it begins with a /p/. Playing games like this one helps increase a child's phonological awareness, the ability to hear and play with smaller sounds in words.



Paint shapes using washable finger paint. Include math skills by counting the number of sides on each shape. Point out shapes that are a part of letters such as the letter O being a circle, or the letter A having a triangle in it. Letter knowledge starts with seeing and recognizing shapes.

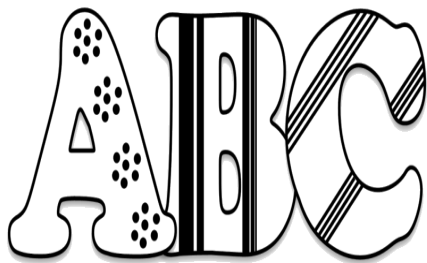


Read a book about a lion and talk about the behavior/habitat of lions. Where do they live? What do they look like? Are they large or small? What sound (Phonological Awareness) does a lion make? Here are several book title suggestions:

- *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell
- *Christian the Lion* by Anthony Bourke
- *Lion Lessons* by Jon Agee

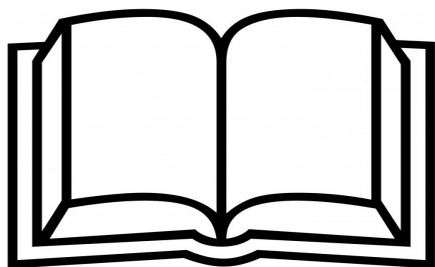
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Alphabet books are a fun way to learn the alphabet as you pronounce words that begin with those letters as you read. Check out two alphabet books and read them at home. Children are most interested in the letters that are in their name so be sure to pay special attention to letters within your child's name. Below are a few suggestions:

- *R is for Robot* by Adam Watkins
- *Dog's ABC* by Emma Dodd
- *LMNO Peas* by Keith Baker



Create your own book at home by folding paper in half and stapling it together. Have your child write what is happening in the book and draw illustrations. Talk about the format of a story: the beginning, middle, and the end. Children will learn the connection between the written and spoken word with this activity (Print Awareness).

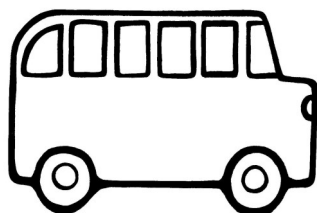


Read a book that won a Caldecott award. The Caldecott Medal annually recognizes the preceding year's "most distinguished American picture book for children"; the Association for Library Science to Children awards it to the illustrator. Here are a few recent Caldecott winners:

- *Hello Lighthouse* by Sophie Blackall
- *Thank You, Omu!* By Oge Mora
- *A Big Mooncake for Little Star* by Grace Lin



Read one of your child's favorite books. Repetition is great for a child! Letter knowledge is knowing that letters are different from one another and that the same letter can be written in different ways. As you read this book, point out a variety of letters and talk about the difference between an uppercase letter and a lowercase letter.



Wheels on the Bus

Nursery rhymes are important. Check out books that contain nursery rhymes and sing them as you read. Children who know eight nursery rhymes by the time they are eight years old, are 80% more likely to succeed in school. A nursery rhyme breaks language down and introduces new vocabulary words. Below are a few great suggestions:

- *Old MacDonald Had a Farm* by Jane Cabrera
- *Wheels on the Bus* by Raffi
- *Baa, Baa, Black Sheep* by Annie Kubler