

Good Practice with **Sounds**®

Introduce letter-sounds ONLY!

Use short vowel and hard consonant sounds.

Focus on identification, not production.

“Please hand me the ‘ah’!”

Keep this DAILY activity short and fun.

Have the child watch your mouth as you say the sound.

Focus ONLY on the lower case letters.

Capital letters are learned naturally, after the child decodes words.

Do not forget this is a hands-on activity.

Hand and brain work together to build letter-sound knowledge.

Play sound games to help the child ‘hear’ the sounds.

“I hear an ‘eh’ when I say egg. Can you hear the ‘eh’ in egg?”

NEVER refer to a letter and ask, “What is this?”

Enjoy singing *The Alphabet Song*!

However, do not make associations between names and symbols.

Be patient! There is so much time!

5-30 months - Letter-Sound Knowledge

30-36 months - “Writing” with Sounds Letters

36-48 months - Decoding Words, Writing

48-60 months - Letter-Name Knowledge