

# Alphabet Dough

## You and your child will:

Make the letters of the alphabet using play dough.

## You need:

- Play dough
- Alphabet cards
- Table liner

1



Let your child choose a play dough color. Find the first letter of his/her name in the alphabet cards.

2



Show your child how to roll the play dough into snakes.

3



Help your child form the first letter in his/her name. Talk about the letter name and letter sound it makes.

4



Let your child choose another letter.

Questions to ask:

- What letter would you like to make?
- Does this letter have straight lines, curved lines, or both?
- What sound does this letter make?

# Catch a Letter

## You and your child will:

Go fishing to catch letters and talk about the sounds they make.

## You need:

- Fishing pole
- Magnetic letters
- Metal tray
- Alphabet Arc

1



Let your child use the fishing pole to **catch a letter**. Provide support as needed.

2

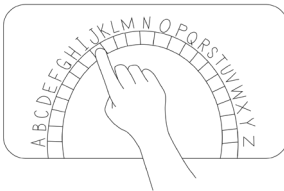


Have your child **name the letter** caught. (It's okay if your child doesn't know all the letter names.)

Questions to ask:

- Which letter do you want to catch?
- Do you know what this letter is?
- Do you see the letters in your name?

3



Match the letter to the letter on the **Alphabet Arc**.

4



Use the Alphabet Arc to **discuss the sounds** each letter makes.

Example: A is for apple, B is for ball.

# I Can Read!

## You and your child will:

Look through store ads for letters and words your child can identify.

## You need:

- Glue
- Scissors
- Store ads
- Construction paper

1



**Look through** store ads and help your child identify letters, words, or foods he/she recognizes.

2



Let your child choose **letters, words or food items** to cut out. **Glue** them onto a construction paper to make a collage.

3

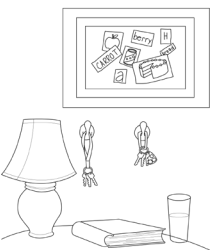


Have your child **name the letter, word, or food items**.

Questions to ask:

- What does this say?
- Where have you seen this?
- Is this something we buy at the store?

4



Take the collage with you to **display in your home**.

# Alphabet Scavenger Hunt

## You and your child will:

Make the letters of the alphabet using play dough.

## You need:

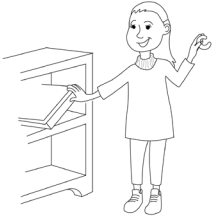
- Pencil
- My Alphabet Sounds handout
- Clipboard
- Foam alphabet letters

1



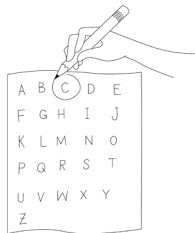
Have your child **pick up** a pencil, clipboard, and a My Alphabet Sounds handout.

2



Together, **look** around the room until you **find a foam letter**.

3



**Circle** the letter you find on the **My Alphabet Sounds handout** and put the foam letter back.

4



Help your child **practice making the letter sound**. Think of words that begin with the same sound.

Example: "C" for cat, candy, car, etc.

5



**Continue searching** for more letters.

Questions to ask:

- What letter did you find?
- What sound does that letter make?
- What other words begin with that sound?

# Investigating Books

## You and your child will:

Explore the alphabet and rhyming words with books.

### You need:

- Puppet
- Finger pointer
- Magnifying glass
- Paper towel tube

### Books for this station:

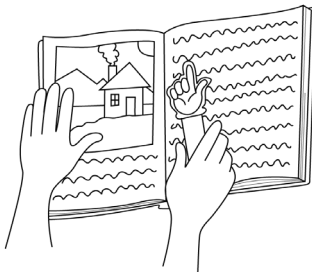
- Dr. Seuss's ABC by Dr. Seuss
- Quackity-Quack by Doreen Cronin
- R is for Robot by Adam F. Watkins
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin and John Archambault

1



Say, “These books are about the letters in the alphabet and rhyming words.” Let your child choose a book that interests him/her.

2



**Look** at the pictures in the book. **Talk** about the words, letters, and sounds your child sees and hears.

3



**Follow your child’s lead.** Have your child **point to** the letters, letter sounds, and rhyming words.

Questions to ask:

- What’s the name of this letter?
- What sound does this letter make?
- Which words rhyme or sound alike?