

Dear Parents,

Children's reading development is dependent on their understanding of the idea that letters and letter patterns represent the sounds of spoken language. Learning that there are relationships between sounds and letters allows children to apply these relationships to both familiar and unfamiliar words and to begin to read with fluency. It can be so exciting when a child begins to read! As a parent, it is important to support their efforts in a positive way. Thank you for supporting your child and helping them become better readers!

Sincerely,
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Here are some fun activities to try:

- Play word games that connect sounds with syllable and words (for example, if the letters "p-e-n" spell *pen*, how do you spell *hen*?).
- Write letters on cards. Hold up the cards one at a time and have your children say the sounds (for example, the /d/ sound for the letter d).
- Teach your children to match the letters in their names with the sounds in their names.
- Use alphabet books and guessing games to give your children practice in matching letters and sounds. A good example is the game, "I am thinking of something that starts with /t/".
- Write letters on pieces of paper and put them in a paper bag. Let your children reach into the bag and take out letters. Have them say the sounds that match the letters.

Interactive Links to Explore at Home

Free Books

<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

<https://freekidsbooks.org>

Poetry

<http://www.poetry4kids.com/poems>

<http://pbskids.org/arthur/games/poetry/next.html>

Games

<http://www.abcya.com>

<http://www.spellingcity.com/spelling-games-vocabulary-games.html>

<http://www.funbrain.com/words.html>

Happy Reading!

