Teaching and Practicing Alphabet Letters
Research Based Guidance
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How to Introduce Alphabet Letters

Systematic and explicit teaching of the alphabet is necessary. The most recent recommended practice is teaching a letter a day- or two to three letters each week. This way the alphabet is introduced quickly and you can go back and revieweach letter again. Specific research studies have shown that the children in the lesson-of-the-day group increased significantly in their letter recognition compared to teaching the letter-of-the-week group. The growth was attributed to the constant review of the letters throughout the year after letters were initially introduced.

Ultimately our goal for letter learning is four-fold:

- 1. Name the letter in upper-case and lower-case form.
- 2 Say the most common sound thele « (

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