

Alphabetic Knowledge / Exploring with Letters

Storytime Age Group

Birth – 18 months

You are practicing this behavior

Reads books with repetitive sounds and/or pronounces words deliberately and slowly when reading.

Look for this behavior in children

Imitates sounds when looking at words in a book.

Book

Moo! by David LaRochelle

Activity

Talk about what a cow says, and then point to each letter to spell out the word “moo.” As you read through the pages, ask the child/children to identify the word “moo,” so they learn to recognize it throughout the book. Pretty soon they will be able to read the book along with you or on their own. Point out the sheep at the end of the story and talk about the sound a sheep makes and identify the letters “b-a-a.”

Tips to Share with Parents

“As you read to your child, take apart a small word (like “moo”) and talk to them about each letter, and help them learn to identify it while you read to them.”

This example was provided by Supercharged Storytimes participant:

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