

PRIMARY IDEAS

LANGUAGE

- Read stories and talk about them.
- Write words and say them out loud. Have them put the label on the object.
- Sing nursery rhymes
- Have conversations about topics they like
- "I spy" – take three to five objects in your home, place them on a table. Name them and then say "I spy with my little eye, something beginning with the sound..."
- Letter tracing and naming sound. Remember to say the SOUND of the letter, rather than its name.
- Coloring in activities
- Mystery bag – five to ten objects and a bag. Name the objects then place them in the bag. Ask the child to find an object without looking in the bag, just using their hands
- Memory tray. Have 5-10 objects on a tray. Name them all. Ask the child to close their eyes while you remove an object. When they open their eyes they have to remember which object is missing
- Different medias available for letter writing – handwriting sheets (many available online), pencil and paper, chalkboard, tracing letters in a tray of sand or couscous etc
- Write words for children to copy that interest them – their own name, siblings names, 'mommy', 'daddy' etc
- Rainbow letters/rainbow words – write out letters/words in print (around 5 times larger than your normal handwriting). Children then trace the word/letter seven times using seven colored pencils.
- Treasure hunt. Write simple clues for a treasure hunt around your home, which you can read out to pre-readers or early readers can read with you eg 'clue two is somewhere cold that we keep the food', 'clue number three is next to a rubber duck' etc