

Building

emotional learning and literacy
Family Connections

Capital District
Child Care Council Encouraging Literacy Education and Parent Engagement (LEAPE)

ABC's Scavenger Hunt

What you can do...

To reinforce letter awareness, play this active game with your child at home or outside! Place the letter cards around the play area and allow your child to search for and find the cards. Your child can then sort the letters into 'big' and 'little' letter boxes. As your child is sorting, ask them if they can name the letter, saying "Which letter is that?" As your child masters identifying letters, challenge them by making the letters more difficult to find, requesting the letters in your child's name or timing how quickly they can find or sort them.



How does this benefit children...

This activity helps children recognize and name uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet. Your child is likely to recognize the letters in his or her name first. This skill is the foundation for connecting sounds to letters and eventually stringing letter sounds together.

Partner in Play:

Change the Game to fit Your Child

As your child masters identifying letters, challenge them and tailor it to your child's interests!

- If your child likes time or racing, time how fast it takes your child to find all of the letters.
- If your child prefers playing outdoors, make the game portable by using envelopes instead of boxes.
- If your child enjoys a physical challenge, hide the letters in an unsuspected hiding spot.