

## Introducing the Alphabet



You will know when your child is ready to learn the letters of the alphabet, because he will show a real interest in letters and will begin to recognize words. It will be clear that she realizes that *spoken* words can be written and that words on paper can also be *spoken*.

Start with capital letters and work on one letter at a time. Once your child has learned to recognize all the upper case letters, you can introduce lowercase letters. Start with those that closely resemble their capitals: c, k, o, s, p, t, u, v, w, y, z.

- ☺ **Put colorful magnetized letters on the frig.**
- ☺ **Print letters on a chart using blue or red markers instead of black and hang it on the wall. Colors have an added appeal.**
- ☺ **Practice writing the letter in sand, finger paint or shaving cream on the table.**
- ☺ **Help your child form the letter using play-dough.**
- ☺ **Create cookies in the shape of the letter.**
- ☺ **Cut letters out of sandpaper and glue them to cardboard for your child to trace with his fingers.**
- ☺ **Look for the letter on cereal boxes, on road signs and in books.**
- ☺ **Trace a letter on his back and see if he can identify it.**
- ☺ **Play with wooden alphabet blocks.**