

## Now I Know My ABC's...

### Family Event a ABC-olute Success!

On July 17th, 15 families and teachers and 13 children joined the Little Sprouts' literacy team for a make it/take it workshop on Alphabet Activities. Participants made over 10 alphabet and sight word games to use with toddlers through school-age. Activities included alphabet recognition games like Bingo and Memory and onset-rime games using popsicle sticks and clothespins to blend and segment games. All games can be made easily and inexpensively from household materials and can be played in the 5 minutes before breakfast or for 50 minutes before bedtime!



*Families and teachers brush up on their ABC's!*

[To Download the List of Activities and Instructions, click here!](#)

### Not Your Average Flashcard



One activity you can do at home is to write letters on paper or card stock (upper and lower case) and cut them out to make alphabet cards. An easy game to play with the cards is to put these cards in a decorated Pringles or oatmeal container, shake it up and dump them out! Take turns naming the letters that land face up! Another game to play is to decorate two paper bags and sort letters into uppercase and lowercase, or consonants and vowels.

### Did You Know?

- Our goal is to have all preschoolers leave for public school knowing their upper case and lower case letters.
- Reading scores in 10<sup>th</sup> grade can be predicted with surprising accuracy based on the knowledge of the alphabet in kindergarten.
- Phonemic Awareness, or the knowledge of different sounds, is a stronger predictor of academic success than IQ!
- In order to count as having full knowledge of a letter, a child needs to be able to identify it in 2-3 seconds
- There are 44 sounds (or *phonemes*) in the English Language— no wonder it is hard to learn!

### Learn More and Give Your Child an Edge!

The 13th annual CHILD Conference will have many opportunities for learning more about early literacy and how to help your child ensure he or she is ready for public school.



#### **Friday, 8/24 Family Track Workshops:**

**Keynote:** Early Education is Essential! By Peg Griffin, PhD

- Signing, Songs and Smiles
- Infant/Toddler Meaningful Learning Experiences
- Introduction to Infant/Toddler Sign Language
- Books Make a Difference!

#### **Saturday, 8/25 Family Track Workshops:**

**Keynote:** "100 Questions from My Child" by Mallika Chopra

- Intentional Language in Early Childhood
- Sign Language with Hearing Children
- Developmental Milestones in Infants/Toddlers
- Nursery Rhyme Make it/ Take it
- Positive Discipline that Works!
- Infant Massage