



Learning the ABCs: *Families Can Help with Alphabet Knowledge*

Research shows that when children can easily recognize letters, they will have more success reading. Here are a few ways that you can help.



- **Sing** the alphabet song together.
- **Read** alphabet books and point to the letters on each page.
- **Point out** written materials such as: newspapers, food boxes, and street signs.
- **Write** your child's name in many places – on a backpack, a sign on the bedroom door, and on artwork they create. Help your child learn the letters of his/her name.
- **Look** for magnetic letters for the refrigerator and foam letters for the bathtub.
- Let children play **pretend** with written materials – menus, tickets, lists, notes, magazines, etc.