

LITERACY ACTIVITIES

MORNING CIRCLE TIME

- Montessori Circle Time

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=s86BoVDRLI8>

- Summit Centre Story Time

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzZbhN5mx3VMW0ne6UdGJWQ/videos>

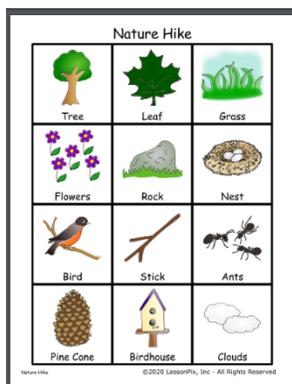
ALPHABET SCAVENGER HUNT

Try and find items in the house that start with each letter (or sound) from the alphabet. You could make a list or bring each item to one location.

<https://www.raisingdragons.com/alphabet-scamenger-hunt/>



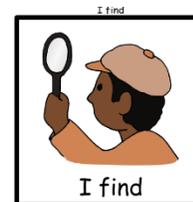
NATURE HIKE



Go on a walk around your yard, on a nature trail, or in your neighbourhood.

Use the visual: [Nature Hike](#)

Variation – Use the visual: [I Find](#)



NEIGHBOURHOOD BINGO

Go on a walk around the neighbourhood.

Play: [Neighbourhood Bingo](#)

Check off or point to the objects that you spot on your walk!

Variation – Use the visual: [I Find](#)



Spell with clothespins

CLOTHESPIN SPELLING

Materials:

Clothespins

Pictures (any from magazines or around the home)

Marker

Neatly print out the name on the picture you would like your child to label. Print letters on several clothespins that correspond to the picture. Have your child match the letters to learn to spell that item.

UPPERCASE/LOWERCASE MATCH

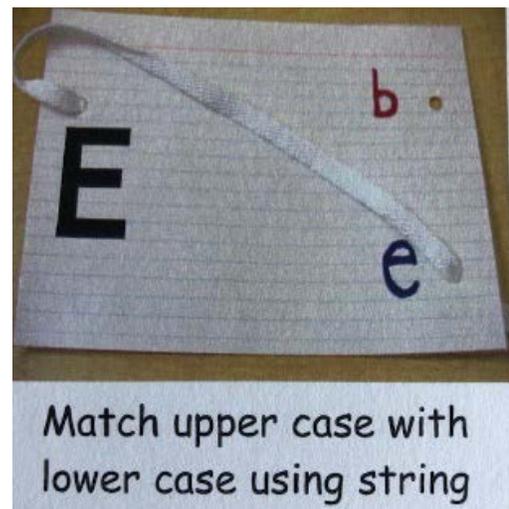
Materials:

String or ribbon

Recipe cards (or cardboard, etc.)

Marker

Neatly print an Uppercase letter on left side of the card. Print a lowercase match on the right side of the card, along with another choice. Have your child string the Uppercase letter to the lowercase letter. *Variation* – You can print more lowercase options on the right side. Print words to match or even phrases to complete.



Match upper case with lower case using string

SIGNS

It is important for safety for your child to understand signs in the community. Take a walk in your neighbourhood (practicing safe social distancing) or go on a virtual walk on [Google Earth](https://www.google.com/earth/). Look for common signs that you may see in a community and discuss their meaning. Take pictures on your phone or iPad to review together regularly.

Examples – stop sign, school crossing, hospital, bus stop, speed limit, parking.



SNOWBALL!



Snowball Toss
Sight Word Game

Paper, tape and ping-pong balls are all you need for this game of 'snowball' throwing. Tape a bunch of letters to a wall or to bins, call out the sounds and have your kids throw the snowball at the letter represented. As an added bonus, kids get to work on their coordination as well as their alphabet.

Variation – use words or pictures or a combination of both depending on the learner

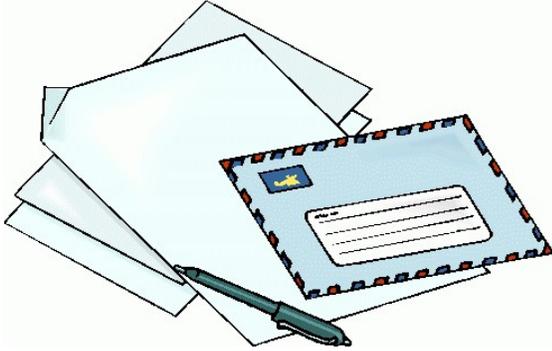
SOUND SORT

Gather some items from around that house that begin with two or three different sounds. Have your child sort into piles for each sound. You could also have baskets with the corresponding starting sound letter on each (see picture below). *Example* for the 'S' sound – socks, sweater, scarf, spoon, soup. Each day could be a new sort. This activity helps children learn how to read by developing awareness of beginning sounds.



<https://theimaginationtree.com/phonics-activity-sorting-baskets/>

LETTER WRITING



Have your child write a letter to a family member that they can't see right now. This activity can be completed at many different levels – sounding out and printing independently, copying from a text you have written out for them, tracing the letters you print (use a yellow or orange marker and they can trace over in pencil), telling you what they want to say and you write it for them, or drawing a picture to accompany the letter. You could even

put it in an envelope, address it and take a walk to the mailbox.

Variation – have your child type an email to a family member

MAKING A LIST

This is a life skill and a literacy activity. Have your child help you create a list. It could be a 'to do' list of chores around the house or a grocery list. This activity can be completed at many different levels – sounding out and printing independently, copying from a text you have written out for them, tracing the letters you print (use a yellow or orange marker and they can trace over in pencil), telling you what to write and you write it for them, or drawing a pictures to represent the items in the list. If you get grocery store flyer he/she could cut out the pictures and glue them on a paper to make their list.



COOKIE SHEET CHALLENGE

Many different letter and word matching activities using cookie sheets and magnetic letters. There are many printable activities, but the ideas can be used without printing anything off

SIGHT WORDS/SPELLING WORDS

Use a marker pen to write individual letters (one per brick) onto the side of small Lego or Duplo bricks. You could also put blank stickers on the Lego and print the letter on the stickers. Your child can then find the bricks needed for a word and assemble them in order. If you need a set of sight words to use, try these free, printable [Dolch Sight Words Flashcards](#).



YES/NO QUESTIONS

A great activity to work on answering Yes/No questions. This activity can be completed without printing anything off. You can have your child sort items into yes/no piles and/or work on having your child say “yes” and “no”.

The printable activities are available for free:

[Yes/No Level 1](#)

[Yes/No Level 2](#)

The website where these activities can be found is here:

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Speech-Rocks>

NATURE WALK SCAVENGER HUNT

Go on a Nature Walk through your neighbourhood and use the checklist to find these items!

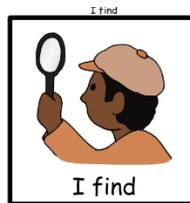
Here are the links for the nature walk activities:

[Nature Scavenger Hunt](#)

[Neighbourhood Scavenger Hunt](#)

Here is a visual to assist if necessary:

[I Find](#)



Neighbourhood Scavenger Hunt

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/>  bike | <input type="checkbox"/>  fire hydrant |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  brick | <input type="checkbox"/>  bird |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  tree | <input type="checkbox"/>  license plate |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  sidewalk crack | <input type="checkbox"/>  dog |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  flag | <input type="checkbox"/>  mailbox |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  stop sign | <input type="checkbox"/>  bench |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  basketball net | <input type="checkbox"/>  flower pot |