

# Ways to Work with Words At Home

**Alphabet Train-** Using magnetic letters, have your child put the lowercase letters in order of the alphabet. They can point to them and sing the alphabet song to check their work.

**Feature Sort-** Have your child sort letters in a variety of ways- for example: letters with long sticks, short sticks, circles, slanted line, etc.

**Making and Writing Words-** Have children make simple sight words with magnetic letters. Then they can practice writing the words on paper.

**Letter or Word Hunt-** Select a letter or word and have your child go on a hunt in their books to find that letter or word. Try to give them a page to look at that you know the word or letter is on, so the task is not overwhelming.

**Mix it/ Fix it-** Using magnetic letters, have your child make a name or sight word with the letters. Have them slide their finger under the letters and say the word slowly, so they can check to make sure they're correct. Then, ask your child to mix up the letters and make the word again.

**Making Rhymes-** Build rhyming words by adding or changing the first letter to make a new word. For example, write at, and change it to cat, sat, hat, chat, etc.

**Word Ladders-** Start with a word like can and change on thing about the word to make a new word. Change a letter, add a letter or subtract a letter to make a new word. See how far you can take 1 word.

Example: Can - man- mat- sat-sit-kit-kite-kites-bites- etc....