

## Family Literacy-Letter Recognition

### Sidewalk Letters

Here's a simple and fun activity to help your child with letter recognition. Using chalk, write your child's name, one letter at a time. Next, offer your child a small tub of water and a paintbrush. Have your child trace over the chalk with water and the paintbrush. As your child practices writing, the water will wash away the chalk.



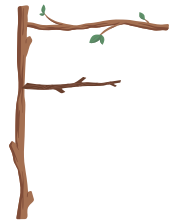
### Musical Chairs



This activity combines movement and learning. Place paper plates with letters or cut-out letters made of cardboard on chairs or on the floor in a circle. Have your child walk around the circle and choose a spot to sit when the music stops. Then, have your child identify the letter on their chair or on the floor directly beneath them. Begin with letters in your child's name, then incorporate letters from the names of other family members for an extra challenge.

### Letters in Nature

Take a stroll in your backyard, local park, or any nearby area and collect twigs, leaves, and other natural objects. Arrange them on a sidewalk or flat surface and see if any letters can be formed from their shapes. You may find that some items already resemble letters, while others can be combined to create both uppercase and lowercase letters.



### Letter Hunt



Hide letter blocks or cut-out letters around the house and have the child search for them. As they find each letter, ask them to name it and its sound.

**Another idea:** Pour dry pasta, rice, or beans into a container, then add magnetic letters or letter blocks. Your child can then search for the letters in the sensory bin. Just keep in mind that in the beginning, it's best to focus on 2-4 letters. Alternatively, if your child is just starting to learn letters, you can include 2-3 numbers along with 2-3 letters and ask your child to identify whether it's a letter or a number.