



This is Your Reference for Letter-Keyword-Sound

In addition to writing letters and knowing the letter name, your child is learning (or reviewing) the consonants and short vowel sounds using keywords.

Throughout the year I will send home more sounds for your child to learn. In school, we do a daily drill practicing these sounds. Right now, we are doing the sounds listed on this sheet.

Your child keeps a notebook at school with these keyword pictures. During the year, whenever your child cannot think of the sound that a letter makes, ask him or her to look at the keyword picture. That is a hint for the sound. The sound is represented by a letter between //.

For the letter **a**, we use the keyword **apple**. This word helps your child know the sound /ă/. Whenever we practice these sounds, we say the letter name, the keyword, then the sound:

a - apple - /ă/

Do not hesitate to use the vocabulary words, short vowels and consonants. Your child is aware of their meaning as I use these terms in class.

A a	apple	/ă/
B b	bat	/b/
C c	cat	/k/
D d	dog	/d/
E e	Ed	/ĕ/
F f	fan	/f/
G g	game	/g/
H h	hat	/h/
I i	itch	/ĭ/
J j	jug	/j/
K k	kite	/k/
L l	lamp	/l/
M m	man	/m/
N n	nut	/n/
O o	octopus	/ō/
P p	pan	/p/
Qu qu	queen	/kw/
R r	rat	/r/
S s	snake	/s/
T t	top	/t/
U u	up	/ŭ/
V v	van	/v/
W w	wind	/w/
X x	fox	/ks/
Y y	yellow	/y/
Z z	zebra	/z/