

Dear Parents,

We will be spending the next six weeks learning our alphabet letters and the sound each makes. Please spend a few minutes a night playing a fun letter card game to help your student learn the names and sounds. Some of our favorite games include:

- **Memory** – Finding capital and lowercase letters (say name and/or sound after turning over each card)
- **Hide and Seek** – adult hides a sticker behind a letter; child seeks by asking letter names or sounds until the object is found
- **Go Fish** – Each player holds 5-7 cards. Players take turns asking for a letter card to create a match. If the other player cannot supply the card the player “goes finishing” by picking up a card from the remaining cards. The player to get the most matches in the end wins.
- **Flashlight** – shine a flashlight on a letter and give the name and/or sound
- **Book Find** – pick a few letters to find in the books you read as a family

Please keep in mind, it is not necessary to use all 52 cards at a time! You can divide the cards into smaller piles and either play multiple rounds of a game or take a few days to go through the piles.

Other fun ideas using household items include:

- Labeling **matchbox cars** with lowercase letters and making a parking lot with capital letters – child names car and parks in the correct spot
- Labeling **chunky Lego blocks** with capital and lowercase letters – child identifies name and sound on matching blocks
- Write letters randomly scattered on **paper** and have student cross out the letter you say or the letter that goes with the sound you make.

**Remember, children learn best through play and multiple interactions, so keep it fun and short, and repeat daily 😊**

We are so excited to partner with you to help your child be successful this year!!

~ The Kindergarten Team

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