

Lesson Plan:

Learning the Alphabet

**Early
Childhood**
(3 to 5 yrs)

Subject:

Literacy and alphabet development.

Focus and Overview:

Select any alphabet book available in your class (e.g., *ABC* by Dr. Seuss).

Purpose:

Introduce the letters, capital and lowercase, and key words beginning with specific letters.

Objectives:

Introduce the letters of the alphabet, letter recognition, and letter sounds.

Resources and Materials:

- Manuscript paper
- Pencil

Activities and Procedures:

1. Introduce the alphabet book (show the pictures), read the book, and discuss the various letters and their sounds.
2. Assign each student a letter. If your class is large, you may place students into groups of three and assign them the same letter.
3. Have students write their name and their assigned letter in the manuscript paper.
4. Ask the students to think of other words that start with the same letter. You might need to assist them in writing those words (e.g., *A = Apple, Alligator, Astronaut*). Have them practice sounding out the first sound of the letter.
5. Integrate each letter of the alphabet with other subjects, including art, math, music, science, and outside activities.
6. Give each student an opportunity to show his or her letter and tell about other words that start with the same letter. Display all the letters alphabetically around the class.

Tying It All Together:

This lesson plan encourages children to listen carefully to each letter sound. Children can practice saying the sounds of the letters of the alphabet. They can also discriminate the sounds by listening to the phonemes of each word (e.g., *cat* and /c/ vs. *bat* and /b/).

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