

# FAST START

## ABC Homework

Materials Needed: Alphabet cards (upper and lowercase), highlighter, plastic container w/ a lid (sandwich size) with half an inch of salt poured in the bottom.

**\*\*You will need to provide the sandwich container with salt. The highlighter and letter cards will be sent home in the TIGER binder. Please leave the highlighter in the binder as you will use it on a regular basis throughout the year.**

## ABC Activities

PLEASE DO the first 5 activities at least 4 days per week! If time and interest allows, choose an additional "Quick Game". Children who quickly and easily do activities 1-5 for three days in a row may just play "Quick Games" on day four. Please encourage your child to notice letters and words in their environment!

1. Letter Flash 1: Flash the lowercase letter cards and have your child name them. If your child is unable to name a letter ask "What do you notice about this letter?" Say "YES! This letter is -----." For example the letter g has a circle and a tail." Have your child trace the letter with their finger and say it's name.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** If your child needs a more relaxed pace you could do half the set on day one and two and the other half on day three and four.

2. ABC Order: Scramble the letter cards and sing the ABC song with your child as your child puts the cards in an "Alphabet Train." (Line up the cards in ABC order.)

3. Letter Flash 2: Flash the uppercase letters and have your child name them. Follow the procedure described above.

4. Letter Match: Match the uppercase and lowercase letters by placing uppercase letters above the lowercase letters.

5. Magic Salt Tray: Use the small container of salt as a "Magic Salt Tray". Have your child choose 3 upper and matching lowercase letters and write them one at a time in the tray.

