

Alphabet Knowledge

What the Research Says

- Alphabet knowledge refers to the ability to **name letters of the alphabet** and recognize the letters in print.
- Recognizing and naming upper and lower case letters in the alphabet is an important **foundational literacy skill**.
- Whether or not children can name alphabet letters when they enter Kindergarten is a **strong indicator of early reading and writing success**.
- Young children learn about alphabet letters best by **exploring how letters are used in their natural environments** (signs, billboards, food labels, recipes, books).