

Alphabet Knowledge and Handwriting Resources

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Alphabet Recognition and Naming

Resource Type	Links to Resources
Guides, Articles, & Handouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alphabet Matching• Letter Names Can Cause Confusion and Other Things to Know About Letter-Sound Relationships
Videos	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter Names with Reese, Kindergartener• FCRR: Letter Names Activity• FCRR: Letter Tap Stack Activity
Apps and Virtual Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UFLI Virtual Teaching Resources: Alphabet Drills (Visual Drill Slides, ABC Order Slides, Grapheme Introduction Slides)

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Practice Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FCRR Student Center Activities: Letter Recognition (Pre-K - Grade 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teacher Resource Guide (Pre-K) ○ Teacher Resource Guide (Grades K-1) ○ Letter Arc ○ Letter Sort ○ Letter Border ○ Letter Critter ○ Letter Tap Stack ○ Letter Tree ○ Alphabet Borders ○ Clip-A-Letter ○ Poetry Pen ○ Venn Diagram Letter Name Sort ○ Letter Cards ○ Sorting Letters ○ Alphabet Memory Game ○ Alphabet Arc ○ Pasta Names ○ Alphabet Tiles Name Sort ○ Speedy Alphabet Arc (fluency) ○ Hungry Letter Mouse (fluency) ○ Tap Stack (fluency) ● Alphabet Matching (Mama and Me) ● Alphabet Bingo ● Letter Recognition Fluency ● Highway ABCs
Other Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alphabet Flash Cards ● Customizable ABC Cards ● Alphabet Strips and Mats ● ABC Flash Cards ● Matching Alphabet Pictures, Words, and Letters ● Customizable Letter Search ● Customizable Find the Letter ● Lowercase Flash Cards ● Mixed Case Flash Cards ● Uppercase Flash Cards

Sound-Symbol Recognition

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Guides, Articles, & Handouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Common Letter-Sound Correspondences and their Predictability ● The Alphabetic Principle: From Phonological Awareness to Reading Words ● Alphabetic Principle: Concepts and Research ● Sequencing Alphabetic Principle Skills ● Teaching Strategies and Examples: Letter-Sound Correspondence ● Alphabetic Principle: Student Benchmarks ● What Works Clearinghouse: Foundational Skills to Support Reading for Understanding in Kindergarten Through 3rd Grade (Practice Guide) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommendation 2: Develop awareness of the segments of sound in speech and how they link to letters. ● AIM Institute on Learning: Decoding ● Regional Educational Laboratory at Florida State University: Recommendation 2: Linking Sounds to Letters ● The Balanced Literacy Diet: Letter-Sounds and Phonics ● Texas Center for Learning Disabilities: Alphabetic Understanding Sample Lessons (Letter Sounds) ● Guidelines for Teaching Letter-Sound Correspondences ● NCII: What's the Best Way to Teach the Alphabetic Principle ● UFLI: Suggested Scope & Sequence for Teaching Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences ● University of Oregon's Letter-Sound Correspondence Scope & Sequence ● Keys to Literacy: Systematic Phonics Scope and Sequence ● Reading Rockets: Alphabetic Principle
Videos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● University of Oregon's Center on Teaching and Learning: Big Ideas in Beginning Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Video Clip Examples of Instruction (Letter-Sound Correspondence, Fluency with Known Letter-Sound Correspondences, Letter Formation, Letter-Sound Correspondence with Common Letter Combinations) ● IES: Video 15: Phonemes Linked to Letters

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IES: Video 17: Letter Sounds ● IES: Letter-Sound Practice and Building Words ● IES: Video 19: Letter-Sound to Phonemic Awareness Link: CVCe ● IES: 2.2 Letter Sound Practice Using a Letter Arc ● IES: 2.2 Letter Sound Writing (Humpty Dumpty) ● FCRR: Letter-Sound Dominoes Activity ● FCRR: Brown Bag It Activity
Apps and Virtual Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UFLI Virtual Teaching Resources: Phoneme Grapheme Correspondences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consonant Digraphs ○ Consonant Blends ○ Other Graphemes ○ R-Controlled Vowels ○ Vowel Teams ● Starfall Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ABCs
Practice Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FCRR Student Center Activities (K-1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teacher Resource Guide (K-1) ○ Brown Bag it ○ Words Around Us Memory Game ○ Letter-Sound Pyramid ○ Letter-Sound Mobile ○ Where's That Sound? ○ Photo Chart ○ Letter-Sound Dominoes ○ Letter-Sound Folder Sort ○ Letter-Sound Bingo ○ Letter-Sound Match ○ Letter-Sound Place Mats ○ Letter Bag ○ Letter-Sound Train ○ Medial Phoneme Spin ○ Make a Match (fluency) ○ Fluency Letter Wheel (fluency) ○ Letter Flash (fluency) ● FCRR Student Center Activities (Grades 2-3)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teacher Resource Guide (Grades 2-3) ○ Letter-Sound Match ○ Digraph Bingo ○ Word Spinners ○ Word Blender ○ Change My Word ○ Digraph Roll-A-Word ○ Map-A-Word ○ Letter-Sound Mix-Up (fluency) ○ Digraph and Diphthong Dash (fluency)

Handwriting

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Guides, Articles, & Handouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6 Multisensory Techniques for Teaching Handwriting ● How to Teach Handwriting ● Stroke Descriptions for Lowercase Letters ● Stroke Descriptions for Uppercase Letters ● Graham, S. (2009). Want to improve children' writing? Don't neglect their handwriting. American Federation of Teachers. ● CASL Handwriting Program (Grade 1) by Steve Graham and Karen Harris ● The OT Toolbox: A Complete Guide to Handwriting ● Developmental Progression of Handwriting Skills ● Handwriting Development: Sizing, Spacing, Alignment, and More!
Videos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pencil Grip Video
Apps and Virtual Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cursive Writing Wizard ● Wet Dry Try app (iPads only) ● UFLI Virtual Teaching Resources: Writing (Sentence Writing, Writing Paper, and Letter Formation) ● Handwriting Form ● Amazing Handwriting Worksheet Maker

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Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CASL Handwriting Program (Grade 1) by Steve Graham and Karen Harris (free)• Handwriting Without Tears• Zaner-Blosser Handwriting• D'Nealian Manuscript
Practice Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Starfall ABC Handwriting Practice Worksheets• Starfall Letter Formation Worksheets