**TALK**

Notice the difference between numbers and letters. “That’s number 2. Numbers help us count. There’s letter C. Letters make words so we can read about things”.

Point to the signs you see in daily life and say them out loud (i.e. push, pull, exit, enter, no parking, women, men, stop, one way, stay off the grass, no smoking, quiet area, McDonald’s, CVS, UPS, etc.)

**SING**

The ABC song is a perfect for practicing while hand washing or tooth brushing.

Read cereal boxes, street signs, recipes, directions, magazines, catalogs, comics, photo captions, notes, shopping lists, yogurt tubes, candy wrappers, juice boxes, ticket stubs, vending machines and more!

We also recommend the book *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by John Archambault and Bill Martin Jr.

**PLAY**

Eye Spy by searching for items that start with a chosen letter (i.e. B is for bird, bike, Beetle and bank). This is a great game to play in the car, waiting for the bus, in line at the store, at the doctor’s office etc.

Try naming letters or making short words with Spaghettios, alphabet soup and Cheez-Its. Make letters with pretzel sticks and string cheese!

Spread shaving cream on a smooth surface and write letters in it with your child.

Use popsicle sticks and string to make letters or spell a message.

Try magnet letters on the fridge or use foamy letters in the bathtub.

Write the names of familiar things on post-its and post them on the items (i.e. oven, window, door).