

## Alphabetic Knowledge / Exploring with Letters

### *Birth to 18 months*

#### Reading Goal 67: Children demonstrate awareness of the alphabetic principle

Educator/Adult	Children
Reads books with repetitive sounds and/or pronounces words deliberately and slowly when reading	Imitates sounds when looking at words in a book
Points towards a book while reading or when a book is within reach of children	Points to words in a book

### *18 months to 36 months*

#### Reading Goal 67: Children demonstrate awareness of the alphabetic principle

Educator/Adult	Children
Prompts children to recite or sing the letters of the alphabet	Recites a song with letters of alphabet, with assistance (e.g., an alphabet song or recitation)
Asks children to point to print on the page of a picture book or other illustrated page, poster, etc.	Begins to understand that print represents words (e.g., pretends to read text)

### *36 months to 60 months*

#### Reading Goal 67: Children demonstrate awareness of the alphabetic principle

Educator/Adult	Children
Points out shapes with specific letters	Associates the names of letters with their shapes
Prompts children to match letters and sounds	Correctly identifies ten or more letters of alphabet
Prompts children to think about how letters and numbers are different	
Points to each word separately while reading	
Prompts children to identify the same word across pages of a book	