

Welcome to ACA's Kindergarten Literacy/Math Programs

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“The two best predictors of early reading success are alphabet recognition and phonemic awareness.”

I. **Lowercase Letter Names and Sounds - Links to videos and games:**

- Letter Names/Sounds Chants - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCGJ167EvBs>
- ABC song WITH Letter Touching on Chart - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HIDIRpK2hYeldzi3ki5USZHZJBAf5a5j/view?usp=sharing>
- Leap Frog Letter Factory DVD - On Amazon https://www.amazon.com/LeapFrog-Letter-Factory-Ginny-Westcott/dp/B001TKUXUC/ref=sr_1_9?dchild=1&keywords=leap+frog+letter+factory&qid=1622210755&sr=8-9
- Starfall - <https://www.starfall.com/h/index-kindergarten.php>

II. **Phonemic Awareness**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWLmY0K71Q> - Video that shows how to give a word to your child and then your child stretches it out into phonemes (each little sound). There is no need to do the written part of this video, just the oral segmenting/stretching out of words practice.
- Student Blending Phonemes to Hear Whole Word - ALL ORAL-
 - Parent stretches out words with 2, 3, and 4 sounds (phonemes) orally only and asks student to tell them the word - list of words - <https://blog.maketaketeach.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Phoneme-Segmentation-Words1.pdf>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAQ9HL5NtF4> (watch first part of video showing how to say sounds so that student can put the sounds together (blend) in their head and say the whole word to parent)
- Phonemic Awareness Games at Home
 - Car Ride Stretch Out - Parent says 10 words and student stretches them out as they ride in the car
 - Froot Loop Stretch Out - Student moves one Froot Loop forward for each sound in the word given by the parent
 - “Hop Out” a Word - Student hops for each sound in the word given by parent
 - Puppet Phonemes - The parent uses a puppet to stretch out each individual sound in a word, and the student tells the parent what the word is when they put all sounds back together.

IV. **Handwriting in ACA's Kindergarten Program**

- D'Nealian - <http://grymeslab.weebly.com/dnealian-handwriting.html>
- Link to correct formation pictures - https://drive.google.com/file/d/17cHqqFehfMafhmtbPg-ICgcz7PH2RtPW/view?usp=share_link
- Link to correct formation video - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mNHltRYMZ_cPnyBrqRLPcp_DujebsPVr/view?usp=share_link
- Writing First Name in D'Nealian - First letter is capital and the rest of the letters are lowercase
- Handwriting is taught and graded in kindergarten, so if you have a child who struggles with fine motor skills or they seem to have some anxiety about writing, we encourage you to use the video to help you know how to coach them at home to help them feel confident and prepared when school starts.

V. **Kindergarten Math**

- Counting to 20 Song Videos - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azIG0kLIgs> - 1- 20
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzfFzJGwwZQ> - Spelling 1-10
- Math Games -
 - Number Card Mystery - turn flashcards 1-20 over so numbers don't show and have the student pick one. If they can tell you the name of the number, they keep it. If not, they give it to the parent and whoever has the most cards at the end wins.
 - Bear in the Cave - small objects are put under a cup and when the cup is lifted, the student has to quickly tell the parent how many objects there are on the table.
 - Candy on a Number Line - 1-20 number line - student touches each number as they count to 20 and then puts the correct number of a small object or candy under the numbers
 - Sidewalk Chalk Number Line - Parent draws a large number line with sidewalk chalk and student jumps on each number as they count to 20. Once they have mastered enough of the number names, the parent can call out a certain number and the student can jump on that number from the last number given, etc.