


ABC Phonics Family Reference Chart Letter

Dear Parents and Families,

This ABC Phonics chart was designed to work together with the *ABC Phonics: Sing, Sign, and Read!* program which we use in kindergarten. It was developed to provide joyful multisensory literacy instruction in the classroom and at home. Our children look forward to singing, signing, and reading this song every day! It's amazing how quickly children learn to recognize and connect letters, ASL signs, and key phonics symbols and sounds when they are all linked together through this engaging *ABC Phonics* book and song.

Research has clearly demonstrated that the brain is uniquely wired to remember large amounts of new information more easily when that information is deeply integrated through the rhythm and melody of a song. Our *ABC Phonics: Sing, Sign and Read!* book and song provide that important connection. The book is now available at the library and at amazon.com.

You can enjoy learning the *ABC Phonics* song with the help of  FREE YouTube ASL video tutorials at sign2me.com and nellieedge.com.

Please post this song chart on the refrigerator or in your child's bedroom for additional daily practice until your child knows the entire song by heart. Pay close attention to each key phonics sound; it needs to be crisp and accurate.

This ABC chart will help you:

- Encourage your child to playfully and dramatically practice the *ABC Phonics* song every day.
- See how quickly and accurately your child can fingerspell, name, and demonstrate each letter-sound correspondence. Watch them sign the key phonics symbol.
- Guide your child's fingerspelling and use of ASL vocabulary.
- Invite your child to teach you how to fingerspell each letter. (Fingerspelling builds small muscle skills for handwriting and playing musical instruments!)
- Compare your child's finger positions to the ASL signs demonstrated in the reference chart and online video tutorials.
- We are first building accuracy and then speed as we teach for mastery of foundational reading skills.

Remember: When first learning these essential foundation skills, it's important for children to practice each letter and sound consistently using the same ABC key phonics symbols, both at home and at school. Daily multisensory repetition accelerates learning, building the reading brain.

Idea: Once your child has learned the first portion of the song, invite the child to perform it over and over again for any appreciative audience. Your child will soon be reading and performing the entire *ABC Phonics: Sing, Sign, and Read!* song picture book and will become an *ABC Phonics* Expert!

Thank you for your commitment to your child's literacy development. We hope you create many joyful family memories as you sing, sign, and read together!

With appreciation,

The Kindergarten Team

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