

Letter of the Week

Aa

Daily Resources

Use these resources to support your discussions and activities!

Books	<i>Apples A to Z</i> by Margaret McNamara <i>Apple Farmer Annie</i> by Monica Wellington <i>Apples</i> by Gail Gibbons <i>Up, Up, It's Apple Picking Time</i> by Jody Fickes Shapiro <i>How Do Apples Grow?</i> by Betsy Maestro
Songs	http://www.alphabet-soup.net/dir2/applesong.html http://www.everythingpreschool.com/themes/apples/songs.htm
Videos	ABCmouse.com "The Letter A Song" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beT_KcblaBI Storybots "Hooray for A" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3guwWkqlaGc&list=PLD9908AF19A9D352A Gary Kazoo - "I Like Apples" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wTTz2dL0jb8

Activities

Create opportunities for discussion during activities! Encourage child to say the letter often!

Monday	My Alphabet Book <i>Supplies:</i> page protectors, stapler, glue, decorative paper, crayons/markers/glitter/etc., "My Alphabet Book" [attached 1] Staple 14 page protectors together on spine. Glue strip of paper over spine to cover staples. Let child decorate cover page. Introduction – "A" While coloring, introduce the letter to your child by drawing "A" and "a." Use phrases like "This is the letter 'A' – it is the first letter of the alphabet. It sounds like 'a.' Like apple!" Let older children practice tracing and/or writing the letter.
Tuesday	My Alphabet Book – A is for Apple <i>Supplies:</i> red and/or green construction paper, glue stick, "A is for Apple" [attached 2] Let child tear construction paper into small pieces. Child glues paper onto apple to create a mosaic. Insert finished picture into the first page of <i>My Alphabet Book</i> .
Wednesday	Painting With Apples <i>Supplies:</i> apples (halved), washable paint, paper plate, "Aa" [attached 3] With paint on paper plate, allow child to dip the apples and stamp the paper. This is also a great opportunity to talk about color mixing (i.e. "Blue and yellow make green!").
Thursday	Playing with Our Food <i>Supplies:</i> apples (sliced), peanut butter, raisins, granola, berries, chocolate, etc. Allow your child to get creative with making his/her own snack. Use the peanut butter like glue to decorate apple slices with raisings, granola, and other small snack foods.
Friday	Sensory Bucket – Finding A's <i>Supplies:</i> shallow/wide bucket, rice/noodles, letters A's of different textures Create letter A/a's from different materials found around the house – pipe cleaners, rolled aluminum foil, popsicle sticks, cardboard, fabric, etc. Dump rice/noodles in bucket, then bury the A/a's in the rice/noodles. Child searches for A/a's in bucket. Encourage the child to say "A!" every time the letter is found. Describe textures to younger children; encourage older children to describe the textures they feel (i.e. "This is soft! This is shiny and hard!").
Weekend Fun!	Apple Orchard Take a family trip to the apple orchard! Have a picnic, and bring your apple books to read as a family.

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