Rhymes And Fingerplays

Alphabet Rhyme

A is for Apple, B is for Ball,
C is for Cat, D is for Doll,
E is for Egg, F is for Feet,
G is for Girl, and H is for Heat.
I is for Igloo, and J is for Jump,
K is for Kangaroo, L is for Lump.
M is for Mighty, N is for Nest,
O is for Octopus, P is for Pest.
Q is for Queen, and R is for Rail,
S is for Sitting, and T is for Tail.
U is for Uncle, Umbrella and Use,
V is for Vacation, Valentine and Views,
W is for Window, Whistle and Way,
X is for Xylophone that we like to play.
Y is for Yellow and Yelling and You.
Z is for Zero and Zipper and Zoo.

A Was an Apple Pie

A was an Apple pie:

B bit it;
C cut it;
D dealt it;
E eat it;
F fought for it;
G got it;
H had it;
J joined it;
K kept it;
L longed for it;
M mourned for it;
N nodded at it;
O opened it;
P peeped in it;
Q quartered it;
R ran for it;
S stole it;
T took it;
V viewed it;
W wanted it;
X, Y, Z, and all wish’d for a piece in hand.

Things to do together

• Using chalk on the sidewalk, write your child’s name outside and have them copy what you write. If your child already knows how to write their name, use the chalk to introduce unfamiliar letters. Play with words that begin with each letter that you write.
• Shape cookie dough into letter shapes and bake up a tasty alphabet treat!
• Place letters cut from a magazine or out of cardboard into a bag. Pull them out one by one and have your child shout out the letter. Using the same letters, you could also have your child pull a letter out of the bag and draw a picture of something that begins with that letter. Give your child suggestions if he/she is unclear about what things begin with that letter.
• Pick a letter of the alphabet and walk around the house looking for things that begin with that letter.
• Sing the ABC song together.

Other Resources

How to Get Your Child to Love Reading by Esme Raji Codell