

Phonics Task Cards

Remember Phonics is only one of the five essential components. It must be taught with the other five areas to make a successful reading program.

Letters on Board Write a group of letters on a whiteboard including at least one vowel. Read a word that can be made from the letters. Ask the child to try and spell the word using only letters from on the board.	Speed Reading Write a list of words on the board. Read each word slowly before playing. Then read through the list at a good speed leaving out one of the words. The children should be listening to you read the list while following along. After you are finished, they tell you which word you didn't read out.	Missing Sound Show an image to your child. Beside the image, write all but one of the sounds. For example, if you show a picture of a dog, you write 'og' beside it and the child have to provide you with the missing sound and letter.
Musical Letters pass a group of alphabet letters in a hat around the circle. Play music while the hat is being passed. When the music stops the child holding the hat pulls out a letter and gives the name and sound of the letter.	Letter Hunt Hunt for a specific letter in books. Identify whether the letter sound is in the beginning, middle, or end of the word.	Trick or Treat Make a deck of alphabet cards and blank cards. Flash the alphabet cards having each child give the name and sound of the letter. Keep playing until a letter is missed or a blank card is shown. When the blank card is shown the child says, 'trick or treat' and receives a treat.
Fishy Fishy Give each child a paper plate with a letter written on the plate. Flash through a deck of alphabet cards. When the card matches the child's paper plate the child yells 'Fishy, fishy in my dishy' and puts the card on the paper plate.	Follow the paper Write several commands on different pieces of paper. For example "hop on the rug." Make sure commands are easily decodable. Have child read the paper and complete the action.	Shared reading Check out books from your local library that have easy to read passages. Choral read the book with your child. You read the difficult words and have your child read the easy to read passages.

