

# 5 Fun Alphabet Games

## For Learning Letters and their Sounds

### **Alphabet Match** (Small Groups/Centers)

Print two sets of the alphabet cards and cut them out. Using about 10 letters at a time, take both cards of each letter, mix them together, and set them out in a grid. Have the children take turns turning over two cards at a time, trying to find matching letters. Every time they turn over a card, have them say the letter name or sound. When they find a match, they get to keep it in their pile, and the next child gets a turn. Continue until all of the matches are found. Rotate letters in the deck on different days until the children have learned all of their letter names and sounds.

### **Musical Letters** (Class Activity)

Print out one set of the alphabet cards and cut them out. Set the letters in a circle on the ground. Have the children choose a letter to stand on, and then begin playing a classroom song. The children should walk around the letters as the music plays. After 10 seconds or so, turn off the music and call out a letter name or sound. The child standing on that letter gets a point or a sticker. Then start the music again, and repeat.

### **Jumping Letters** (For one student at a time.)

Print out one set of alphabet cards and cut them out. Spread approximately half of the cards out on the ground with about 6 inches of space around each card. Then, call out a letter name or sound. The child must jump onto that letter. Then call out the next letter name or sound, and the student jumps to the new letter. Repeat until the child has made it through all of the letters. This activity is particularly great for active children who enjoy learning while being mobile.

### **Letters and Beans** (Class Activity)

Print a set of alphabet cards for each child. Have them cut out the cards and then arrange them at their desk. You can use all or a few of the letters at a time. Give them a small cup of beans. Then stand at the front and either call out a letter name/sound. If they are just starting to learn the alphabet you can also show them a picture of the letter. Ask them to place a bean on the letter that makes that sound. You can repeat the letters multiple times and then have them count the number of beans on each letter at the end, making a graph on the board for a bit of math fun as well.

### **Letters on a Stick** (Class Activity)

Print a set of alphabet cards for each child. Have them cut out the cards and then glue the back of each card to a popsicle stick. Using all or a few of the letters at a time, have them place their letter sticks down on their desk. Then stand at the front of the class and call out the name or sound of a letter. You could also start writing the letter on the board. As soon as the child knows which letter it is, they must quickly and quietly find that letter stick and raise it up high in the air. Once everyone has raised a letter stick, show them the correct letter. Have them place the sticks back down, and then repeat with another letter.

A a

B b

C c

D d

E e

F f

G g

H h

I i

J j

K k

L l

M m

N n

O o

P p

Q q

R r

Ss

Tt

Uu

Vv

Ww

Xx

u y

z z