



PARENT-CHILD HOME PROGRAM

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SUMMER FUN BUILDS SCHOOL READINESS

To celebrate the importance of literacy and learning during the summer, PCHP will be sharing fun, low-cost activities that families can enjoy together each week. This week we will focus on letter recognition and matching through a fun outdoor activity using sidewalk chalk.

A, B, C Hops:

A great way to be active while practicing the A, B, C's...

You will need:

- Chalk
- Paper
- Pen
- Hat or bowl
- Scissors



Directions:

- Pick 10 letters. Draw 10 boxes on the ground with sidewalk chalk, and write (or help your child write) one letter inside each box. *Tip: choosing letters from the child's name can help with name recognition and choosing numbers helps with number recognition.*
- Write the same 10 letters on slips of paper and put them in a hat.
- Have your child pick one slip of paper out of a hat or bowl at random. Whatever letter he or she picks, the child then must hop to the box on the ground with that letter written in it.

School Readiness Tips:

- **Talk about words that start with each letter.** What fruit starts with the letter "A"? What other words start with the letter "A"? What letter comes after the letter "A"?
- **Build gross motor skills by making new rules.** Instead of hopping, can you skip to the box? Take big steps? Walk sideways?
- **Talk about the importance of taking turns.** Do you want to take turns with me? I can jump once and then you can jump once? Do you want to take turns with your sister?

The Parent-Child Home Program envisions a world where every child enters school ready to succeed because every parent has the knowledge, skills, and resources to build school readiness where it starts: the home. www.parent-child.org