

# Learning About Letters

It is important for 3-5 year old children to be familiar with the idea that words are made up of letters. A great way to help children learn the names of a few letters is to teach them to spell and write their own name. Inserting your child's name into the traditional children's song-BINGO- is a perfect way to do this!

*"There was a girl who loved to sing  
and Rosie was her name-o..."*



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## Important ways to help your child learn about letters:

1. Sing the alphabet song over and over (and slow down for l-m-n-o).
2. Help your child notice words that start with the same letter sound.
3. Write the alphabet and point to the letters as you sing the alphabet song.
4. As your child watches, print his or her name, saying each letter as you write it.
5. Help your child learn to write his or her name one step at a time. At first the letters will be written all over the paper and even backwards.
6. Point out words and letters all around- on signs, menus, newspapers, etc. For example, "That red sign says stop. S-T-O-P. Can you find another one?"

## More Resources:

Reading is Fundamental: [www.rif.org/parents](http://www.rif.org/parents)

