

The Reading Sleuths 2020

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6 Edutainment Reading Lesson Plan
Games for 1+ years of age

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It has been 10 years, and tons of Readers young and old are rocking the planet! Let's formalize some of the concepts and reign in the masses while we discuss exactly what we are up to these days.

Game Zero is designed to let the new reader using any language, become familiar with the alphabet. One symbol at a time. In this game they will be so excited every single time they find one of their Uppercase, Lowercase, Numbers, or Punctuation pairs. They will learn to find them all over like road signs, magazines, newspapers, books, etc. This is basic pattern recognition but also it is preparing the mind for these types of associated data sets by simply the symbol.

In a month they are ready for game one, but no pressure. They are developing the skills they need to do so many great things. Their mind is growing faster than their coordination that is developing. Perhaps they will one day recognize the patterns of for instance a chess game whose summary of positions can be improved or reduced. They can also go back and spend another bit of time on letters they do not remember the first time around. Use the alphabet song to allow them to realize that each letter has a name in the song. However, at 1 or 2 they do not need to know the names of the symbols or anything else. They don't even have to speak, but they might want to alternate hands so that they do not wear out.

It is the simplest and most effective start ever, and builds a foundation of excitement, discovery, and confidence.

Game 0: Random Match

Show the child a letter with one index finger, and then search for a match with the other. Perhaps they cant find a match? It's a loner type of symbol? No problem. Start over with another random pick maybe using the other hand? They instantly have success, and every time get fired up. They are cracking the code! They are playing with books, they are learning the letters and words without even knowing it. They are noticing sentence structure and paragraphs. Later they will recognize words they have passed so many times.

Mark off the letters you find matches for, when you are so good it at that you are thinking about going to the next game. No rush as I didn't know the names of the letters until I started talking at 2! There are 3 year olds winning summer reading programs and even joining Mensa!

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee
Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj
Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo
Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt
Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy
Zz.

(Try to draw the letter in your notepad.)