



# Shared Reading of the ABC Chart

## Purpose

To provide children with a special set of cues that can be used during reading and writing activities

## Materials

- A large ABC chart is used for shared reading in the group. The chart is reduced and placed in individual children's writing folders to be used as a personal resource during journal writing.
- A variety of quality ABC books are used for read-alouds and shared reading activities.
- A Big ABC Book of student-generated letters and picture cues is used for shared reading activities.

## Procedures

The teacher and children gather around the large ABC chart. The teacher points to each letter (upper and lower case) and each picture as she leads the children in a shared reading activity. The letters are read fluently. The teacher pauses at appropriate points to allow the children to lead the reading of the letters or to say the pictured cue.

The chart is read daily until the children are able to read the chart independently. The chart becomes a familiar resource for associating letter and sound cues during reading and writing events. A reduced version of the chart is placed in each individual child's writing folder to be used during independent journal writing time. The teacher shares a variety of ABC books with the children to promote flexible knowledge of letters and sounds.