



Teacher Tips for Using *The Groovy Letter Book*

Benefits for Children

- Teaches correct phonetic sound pronunciation used for blending in reading;
- For visual learners, letters look like the object that begins with that letter;
- Introduces vowels and long and short vowel sounds;
- Teaches how letters are built for writing, which are color coded in the book.

How Teachers Can Use *The Groovy Letter Book*

- Read the book to the students; eventually the children will be able to read the book to the teachers;
- Ask the children to repeat the phonetic sounds of each letter;
- Play *The Letters* song on the CD;
- Perform the reading activity shown in the book, asking the child to point to “‘dd’ for ‘deer,’” and eventually asking them to point to the letter with the sound “‘dd’”.
- Explain which letters are vowels and introduce the vowel sounds, asking the children to repeat the sounds;
- Play *The Vowels* song on the CD;
- Explain the parts of the letters for writing: a) Horizontal line goes across, b) Vertical line does down, c) Quadrafoil has 4 curves: a ‘rainbow’ curve on top, a ‘3’ curve with a curve on the right-hand side, a ‘u’ curve with a curve on the bottom, and a ‘c’ curve with a curve on the left-hand side, d) Circle, e) Diagonals have 2 diagonals: one starting at the top right and going to the bottom left and one starting at the top left and going to the bottom right, and f) Dot.
- Show the children the letters and have the children write (for older children) or trace with their fingers (for younger children) the letters in the following order from simplest to most complex:
 - o Letters that have vertical and/or horizontal lines: E, F, H, i, I, T, t, l, L;
 - o Letters that have a circle: o, O;
 - o Letters that have a ‘rainbow’ curve: f, h, m, n, r;
 - o Letters that have the number ‘3’ curve: B, b, D, d, P, p;
 - o Letters that have the ‘u’ curve: g, j, J, u, U;
 - o Letters that have a ‘c’ curve: a, c, C, d, e, G;
 - o Letters that have both the ‘c’ curve and ‘3’ curve: g, s, S
 - o Letters that have diagonal lines: A, k, K, M, N, n, q, Q, R, r, v, V, w, W, x, X, y, Y, z, Z.
- Email feedback; we would welcome it

