REACHING READERS

Differentiated Alphabet Games Unit #1
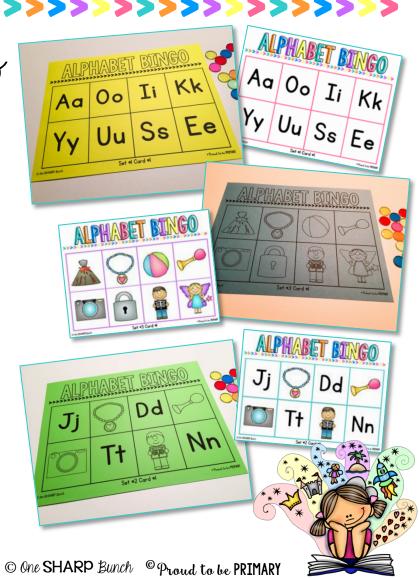
ALPHABET BINGO

Set-Up & Instructions

Print the bingo cards on cardstock. Black and white versions are also provided for printing on colored cardstock. Pass out a bingo card to each student. Randomly call out letters one at a time using the set of alphabet calling cards. Have your students cover the letter or picture that corresponds to that sound with a clear chip or bear counter. They can call out "Bingo" when they cover all the spaces in a line.

ALPHABET DOMINOES

Set-Up & Instructions

This activity has three differentiated levels (all uppercase or all lowercase, mixed upper and lower, and mixed letter and picture). Choose the level that works best for your group. This game is played like regular dominoes. The students will choose 6-10 cards. The first person will play a domino. The next person will try to match the letter/sound. Play will continue until a player has used all of his/her dominoes.
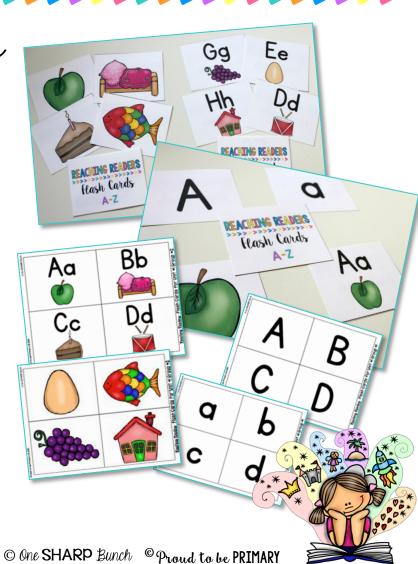
ALPHABET CLIP CARDS

Set-Up & Instructions

This activity has three differentiated levels. Choose the level that works best for your group. The students will use a clothespin to mark each letter along the perimeter of the card. For the most challenging level, the students will mark the pictures that begin with that sound.

FLASH CARDS

Set-Up & Instructions

Print the flash cards back to back with the optional backside sheet. We suggest printing on cardstock for durability. Black and white versions are also provided for printing on colored cardstock. Flash cards can be used throughout the week for different activities. Flash cards are used to build uppercase and lowercase letter identification, as well as letter sound knowledge. There are 4 types included: uppercase, lowercase, upper and lowercase with pictures, and pictures on their own.

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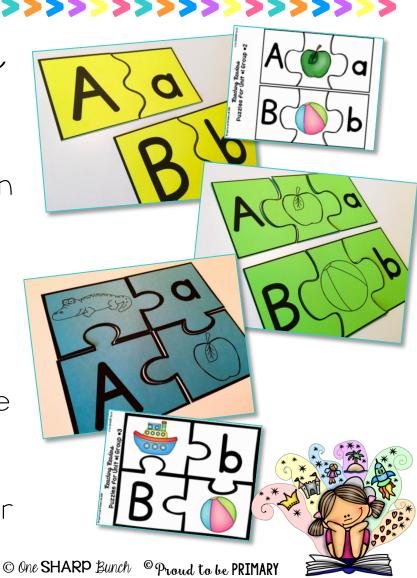
BOARD GAME

Set-Up & Instructions

Print the game board in color or in black & white on colored cardstock. Print the game cards, laminate, and cut. Place the cards for that group upside down on the 'Place Cards HERE' space. Place a small colored cube or bear for each player on the 'start' square. Take turns rolling a die, moving that many spaces, and following the instructions. If a card is chosen, students pick a card and read the letter or say the letter that the picture starts with. The first student to go all the way around the board and arrive back at 'start' wins!

PUZZLES

Set-Up & Instructions

Print the puzzles on cardstock for durability and cut. Black and white versions are also provided for printing on colored cardstock. Puzzles make a fun hands-on activity during small groups. There are 3 different types of puzzles for differentiating. A two-piece puzzle where upper and lowercase letters are put together. A three-piece puzzle where upper and lowercase letters are put together with a picture that starts with that letter. A four-piece puzzle with upper and lowercase letters and two pictures.

ROLL AND READ

Set-Up & Instructions

This activity has three differentiated levels. Choose the level that works best for your group. You can also choose to have the students work on three focus letters per card or a random mix of letters. The students will roll the die, and then read the letters in the corresponding row. For a more challenging activity, you may choose to have the students say the sound of each letter.

SEARCH & COLOR

Set-Up & Instructions

Print the page that corresponds to the letter your small group is reviewing . You could put the pages together to make a booklet or put them in a folder ahead of time. Students must search for a letter (uppercase and lowercase) and pictures that start with that letter sound. They will color in the letters and pictures that start with that letter.

SPOT IT! DOT IT!

Set-Up & Instructions

This activity has three differentiated levels. Choose the level that works best for your group. The students will dot the letter using the correct path of motion with a bingo dauber. Then, they will trace the letter. Last, they will spot the letter and dot it.