

Heritage Preschool Parent Corner

A



Letter of the Week

A is a vowel and it makes two sounds. The children will use the short vowel sound as in 'apple.' The long sound as in 'ate' will be recognized but not stressed.

Riddles

Give a word that begins with the letter A for:

1. The part of your body that is between your hand and your shoulder.
2. The opposite of below.
3. An animal with lots of teeth.
4. This insect likes to come to a picnic.
5. They go to outer space in a rocket.
6. This fruit can be red and good to eat.

Alliteration

Anna asked for apples for her angry alligator

Fun with A

- Do aerobic exercise
- Make fingerprint ants on an ant hill shape
- Act out animal movements
- Pretend to be airplanes flying through the air
- Start an avocado plant from seed
- Put on aprons and help make applesauce

Poetry

A is for alligator and acorns on trees
A is for "ah-choo! When you sneeze
A is for apples baked in a pie
A is for airplane up in the sky
Hooray for A, big and small
The most awesome, amazing letter of all!

A is for Art

Your student will bring home many cute pieces of art this year. The artwork may look like play, but it all develops self-esteem, decision making skills, their large and fine motor skills, eye-hand coordination and creativity. All of which translates into success at school.



"God made
Adam & Eve"
Psalm 100: 3

So what do you do with all of it? Do you feel guilty throwing it out after it has been displayed on the refrigerator? Or are you like me and will end up with boxes and boxes of art that you aren't sure which child created? One idea is to take a picture of it and make a photo book. You can upload photos to any of the online photo sites. Or, there are websites that would be happy to help you such as Plum Print and Artimus Art. And, there is even a smart phone app - Artkive.

Words & Feelings

We often think only of teaching words for common emotions like happy, sad, mad, etc. But there are many, many other feeling words that we can use to describe the range of complex emotions each of us (and our children) experience every day. Children benefit when they develop a "feelings vocabulary" that they can use to communicate what they are feeling and experiencing.

Here are some "a" feelings. How many of them have you felt?

A: affectionate, airy, amazing, agreeable, at ease, appealing, absolutely, angry, annoyed, awful, abused, anxious, aware, alarmed, ashamed, afraid, awkward, adequate, aggressive, awesome, apprehensive, antsy, alive