

ABC Song Activity 2: ZYX Twist



Activity 2

Challenge your child's knowledge of letter identification as the two of you play "ZYX Twist", a backwards alphabet game. This activity is played while listening to Twinkle, Twinkle ZYX on Mr. Wee and Boo's Wee-phabet Songs With A Fun Twist, and is an upbeat lesson where letter identification is reinforced. (Printable: Wee-phabet mat)

Grades: PreK – 1

Goals:

- Recognize and identify the letters of the alphabet

Materials: Printable Wee-phabet mat, reading pointer (see Strategies & Tips for directions on how to make), and Mr. Wee and Boo's Wee-phabet Songs With A Fun Twist (ABC song CD)

Let's Play:

1. Listen to track 12, Twinkle Twinkle ZYX, on our ABC song CD.
2. As you and your child are singing along, use the Wee-phabet mat you have printed (along with the reading pointer) to point out each letter of the alphabet while you and your child are singing along to Twinkle, Twinkle ZYX. Repeat several times.
3. At the end of the activity, ask your child to point to letters of the alphabet in or out of order. Example: Point to and color in the letter of the alphabet that comes after 'A', after 'B', after 'C'; or Point to and color in the letter of the alphabet that is the letter 'R', now 'E', now 'D'. Another variation would be: Point to and color in the letter of the alphabet that sounds like /ă/ (short a sound), or point to and color in the letter of the alphabet that has the /ă/ sound at the beginning of a word like apple (words with the sound in the middle and end or more challenging for beginning learners).

