



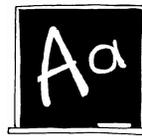
## “My Home”

### What's new in our class this week

We are learning songs and rhymes and doing activities to related to our new theme “My Home”!

We will be talking about the different rooms of our home and what we do in those rooms. We will also talk about household objects and how each item is used.

### Letter of the Week



#### Big “A” and little “a”

Some “A” words we will talk about are Apple, Almond, Animal and America!

### Letter Talk

“Letter Talk” is what we use to help children learn how to form letters!

#### Letter Talk for big “A”

Slant left. Slant right, straight across.

#### Letter Talk for little “a”

Circle left. Come around, up, then straight down.

Draw letters in sand, sugar, cornmeal or in the air!

### New Concept:

#### Matching and Sorting



We will learn about matching and sorting using household items such as fork/spoon, dustpan/broom, brush/comb, pillow/blanket, and many others!

### Songs we are singing



#### “Alphabet Song”

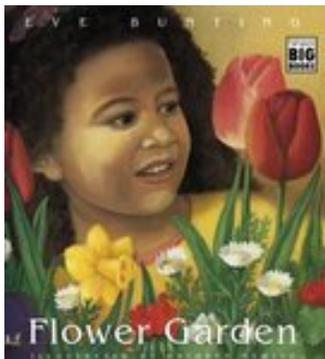
#### “I’m a Little Teapot”



### New Book: “Flower Garden”

Written by Evelyn Bolton

Illustrated by Kathryn Hewitt



This is a book about a young girl who shops with her father for flowers to plant in a window box. They do this for her mother as a special birthday gift. You can relate the book to yours and you child’s life by talking about the flowers and plants you see around your home or neighborhood. You can

also talk about ideas of special gifts you have received from each other on your birthdays.

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## Read at Home Every Day

*Make reading together a warm, loving time for the two of you!*

Whether it's a magazine or bedtime story, reading to your child helps him or her learn! Let your child turn the pages, so they learn to start at the front of the book and go to the back. Point under the words while reading, so your child can see that words have meaning. Even read the same book over and over! Repetition helps children.

## Discover My Home

Your home is full of wonderful opportunities for your child to learn. In the **kitchen**, talk with your child about the size, taste, texture, and color of foods. Help them to recognize the differences between rough and smooth surfaces, salty or sweet tastes, and the odors of certain foods. In the **living room**, have the child name all of the furniture. The **bedroom** can be a special place to play alone or to share some special, private time with your child such as reading a story. Even the **bathroom** is a fun place to learn about hygiene and practice using their muscles by brushing their teeth and combing their hair.

## Try These Tips at Home

### Teach your child about: *Your Home and Household Items*

- Talk about the different rooms in your house and the purpose of each room.
- Talk about items you need around the house and their purpose. "When you eat dinner, you need a fork and knife".
- Talk about your favorite places in your home. For instance, you like the couch to curl up to read a book.
- Ask your child his or her favorite place in the home and what makes that place special to him or her. Have the child show you!
- Ask your child to complete the following or similar sentence: "We \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_." ("We sleep in the bed room. We cook in the kitchen").
- Help your child draw your house, and don't forget the flower garden!

### Help your child learn the letters: *A and a*

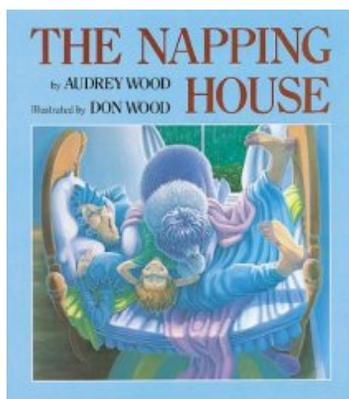
- Find the letter "A" when reading with your child.
- Talk about things you see while driving or shopping that have the letter "A" on them.

### Help you child learn to: *"Sort" and "Match"*

- When in the kitchen with your child, ask your child to sort things, like similar bottles, cans, boxes or silverware.
- Ask your child to match items in the house, like the shoes in his or her closet or bathroom towels that are the same color.

### Books related to theme

- "Bear at Home" by Stella Blackstone
- "This is the House that Jack Built" by Simms Taback
- "The Doorbell Rang" by Pat Hutchins
- "Animal Homes" by Saerri Mayer
- "My World" by Margaret Wise Brown
- "Home Sweet Tree" by Stan and Jan Berenstain
- "Talk about Home" by Ellen Rudin



### Book Pick: "The Napping House"

Written by Audrey Wood  
Illustrated by Don Wood

The book is about a house where everyone is sleeping and it include animals that all children are familiar with, such as a cat, dog, and mouse. Characters are added one at a time and as each character gets in bed, it climbs on top of the others, who are already sleeping. Everything is peaceful until something happens that results in chaos!

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