Order to introduce Letter Sounds as practiced by the Montessori School of Rome

The sounds should be introduced in the following order and in sets of 3’s.

c, a, m

l, e, d

t, I, s

g, o, n

p, u, r

b, k, f

j, w, q

v, x, y

h, a, z

Use this order and the accompanying sandpaper letter sounds to give your child an understanding of the Montessori method of letter sounds.

The name of the letter is introduced after the mastery of the sound.

Learning the letter sounds helps with decoding, making the process more organic and subconscious.

We also recommend playing the “I Spy” game with your child: “I spy something that begins with ‘b’ (state the sound, rather than naming the letter). Children love this game, and it increases their sound awareness.

Sandpaper Letter Sounds

 a as in apple

 b as in box

 c as in cat

 d as in dog

 e as in elephant

 f as in frog

 g as in grass

 h as in happy

 i as in ink

 j as in jam

 k as in king

 l as in lid

 m as in mother

 n as in nut

 o as in otter

 p as in pup

 q as in quick

 r as in ring

 s as in snake

 t as in top

 u as in umbrella

 v as in van

 w as in wall

 x as in extra

 y as in yellow

 z as in zoo