

CreationStation goes green

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A SIGNATURE SERVICE OF **RFL** Read for Literacy

As part of **Creation Station Goes Green**, your child was given information about reading, science and math. **Alphabet Under Construction** is a book written by Denise Fleming that your child might like to read at home with you as an extension of our day together. Below are some questions you can ask, activities you can try and a few other ideas to have fun with the book at home. Enjoy reading together!

What to Do:

READ the book together. Your child can read the book to you. You can **ASK** questions as your child reads. Encourage your child to **RETELL** you what they learned about the alphabet and construction.

Sample Questions

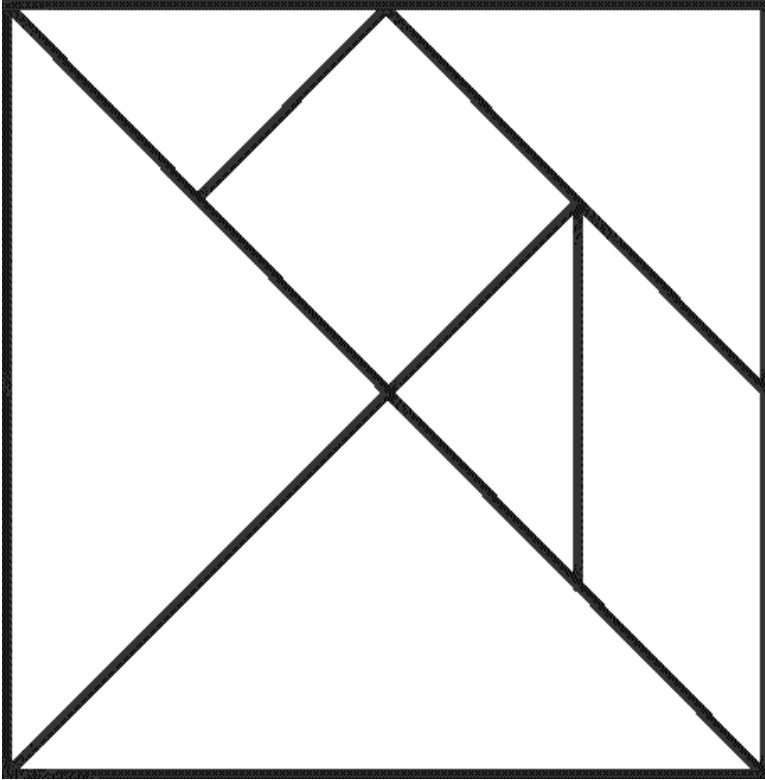
- What letters can we find all around us? (This is known as environmental print.)
- What would you use to make the letters of your name?
- Which letter did the mouse create that was your favorite?
- What sound does that letter make?
- Can you **PREDICT** what letter comes next?

Try some ACTIVITIES WITH LETTERS

- Use cooked spaghetti noodles to create letters.
- Spread salt, whipped cream or shaving cream in a shallow pan or cookie sheet. Draw or make letters in it. Playing in the sandbox? Use your finger, a shovel or a truck to draw letters.
- Use sidewalk chalk to write letters on the sidewalk. Call out a letter and have your child jump to or bounce a ball onto the correct letter. If this is an easy activity, call out the letter's sound and have your child jump to the letter.
- Use glue to draw a letter on a piece of paper. Let it dry. Put a thin piece of paper over the letter and rub with a crayon. Enjoy your letter rubbing!
- Trace a letter onto your child's back. Have them guess which letter you drew.
- Identify a letter of the day. Spend the day trying to find the letter in environmental print with your child, and collect and discuss all of the items you can find throughout the day that start with that letter.

Use a TANGRAM PUZZLE

- Cut out the Tangram shapes.
- Use them to make letters and other pictures.
- Look on the internet for more pictures children can create with Tangrams.



INVESTIGATE OTHER BOOK TITLES THAT YOU CAN READ:

The Toledo Lucas County Public Library and the school library are great places to borrow books, movies and other materials for at home use. Some other books related to alphabet awareness:

1. **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin, Jr.
2. **The Turn-Around, Upside-Down Alphabet Book** by Lisa Campbell Ernst.

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