



# I'm Starting School – Alphabet Sounds and Writing Scrapbook Notes:

The alphabet is a collection of letters. We choose letters to use for writing according to what sound they each make.

## How to make the most of The Alphabet Scrapbook:

- The aim of this book is to encourage correct starting points for each letter and then to develop fluency and pencil control in following the correct direction in letters shape.
- You don't have to do this in alphabetical order. Perhaps start with the letters in your child's name.
- Talk about capital letters and how we use them to start important words, like your name.
- Talk to your child about the name of a letter and the sound that we make when we say it.
- When it comes time to tracing the letters the dots are your starting points, then follow the arrows.
- Make some playdoh, roll into sausages and make letters with it - make your name!
- Draw letters in the sand, on a foggy mirror, draw them on your child's back and see if they can guess which one it is.
- Play "eye spy" using that letter as a first sound. Look for letters you recognize when you're out and about.
- Collect shopping catalogues and cut out pictures that start with the sound you are looking at, or draw things that start with that sound.
- Try not to bombard your child with all this - pick a familiar letter to start with - have fun with it!

## Left Hand or Right Hand?

Your child will naturally decide which hand they prefer to write with.

Turning the page you are writing on so that the bottom right corner is pointing towards your belly button for a "lefty" will help your child to actually see what they're writing.