



I'm Starting School – Alphabet And Numbers Flashcards

How to make the most of the alphabet flashcards:

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

This pack of flashcards has two sets of alphabet cards: one set has just a picture on the front. Play with these by spreading them out on a tabletop and asking your child to pick a card they like, for eg, "bear" Ask your child what sound do they hear at the start of the word "bear", or, "what sound do I make first when I say the word "bear"?

When your child responds with the sound b for bear, turn the card over to reveal the letter B. It's good to mix it up with capital and lower case letters - your child needs to be exposed to both upper and lower case to know that a capital letter can make the same sound as a lower case letter. Do have the conversation though that we use capital letters for important words (like their name!) and at the start of sentences.

How to make the most of the number flashcards:

Start with the pictures - ask "how many penguins can you see? As your child counts them, make sure they physically touch each object - this develops one to one correspondence (the idea that there is one more..)

Then turn the card over and show the number that we write when we want to say "4".

The word for the number is there too - somewhere along the way your child might want to copy them as well, but don't push it - writing numbers isn't a requirement for preps!

Practice putting the cards into their number order - try jumbling them up and having your child put them back into the correct order. Talk about first, second and third. Talk about the number before and the number after.

Count everything you can!!