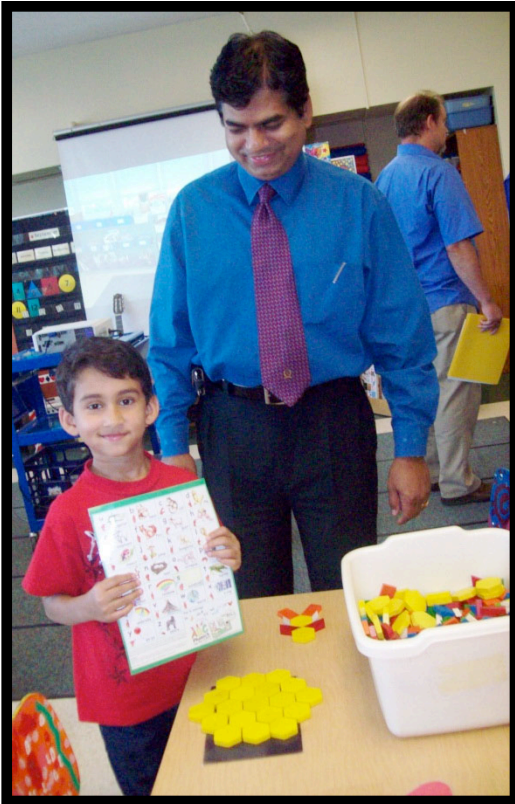


Give Families An ABC Literacy Gift:

The Lovely *ABC Phonics: Sing, Sign, and Read!* Family Reference Chart and 📺 Access to Instructional Videos from Sign2Me



Turn this Family Reference Chart into refrigerator art! Consider laminating each chart and attaching with magnetic tape: Parents love this gift. Our *ABC Phonics: Sing, Sign, and Read!* program makes it easy for parents to be partners in ABC and phonics learning. The quality online instructional videos provide strong support.

Common Core State Standards stress the importance of building mastery of foundational reading skills. We want to do this in the most emotionally engaging and efficient manner possible: **Singing and signing with Parents as Partners is the answer!**



We introduced families to the parent component of our ABC Phonics Program the beginning of the year in several kindergarten classrooms. Within days we saw powerful results. Progress is accelerated when families enjoy the complimentary ABC Phonics 📺 instructional videos together. These are directly linked from the kindergarten websites.

Katie Nelson's **Back-to-School event was a Family Scavenger Hunt** to explore each area of the classroom. **At one table, they received the ABC Phonics Family Reference Chart**, a quick lesson on signing the first four letters, and a reminder to watch the online instructional videos. Then they moved on to find the "blue table" and perform another activity. **A joyful family event!**

Laura Flocker's **Parent Literacy Information Night** was an overview of the importance of:

- The ABC Phonics Program, and why singing and signing is so brain-friendly and powerful!
- Efficient handwriting, beginning with name tickets
- Reading at home with the "I Can Read" Poetry Notebooks and how to support the reading process.

Parents responded with questions and enthusiasm.



"The success of your child's year depends on the strength of our partnership."

Family Literacy Gifts that Build Mastery of Foundational Reading and Writing Skills

Parents as Partners Multiplies our Teaching Effectiveness



At the beginning of the year, we give families:

- **A beautiful copy of the *ABC Phonics Sing, Sign, and Read!* Family Reference chart.** (This one was trimmed, mounted on bright green heavy paper, laminated and backed with magnetic tape—perfect to attach to the refrigerator!)
- **Parent information letters about our ABC Phonics program** (See pages ...)
- Their child's handwriting "Name Ticket" model; a letter about how efficient handwriting helps build happy kid writers, a **booklet of 10 name tickets for "at home" practice**, an envelope to return it in, and an A to Z handwriting guide. (See pages ...)
- **A name fingerspelling guide** for at-home practice.
- **Tips on how to weave ABC Phonics practice into family routines:** it takes less than one minute to slowly sing and sign 6 - 8 letters on the way to the car, while fixing dinner, or just before bedtime. As a family, watch the quality online at nellieedge.com ABC Phonics instructional videos generously provided by Sign2Me and enjoy learning memories together!
- **We believe learning to read and write must be an engaging, multisensory, and meaning-centered activity.** We have high expectations that within a few weeks, most children will have mastery of the initial ABC recognition and letter-sound correspondence.
- We provide additional support for less-experienced English language learners through repetition, demonstrating the signs, and focusing on the pictures. We simultaneously **challenge advanced students to begin reading the sign language descriptions** in the book and to research information about the different animals (there are 13!).