Build Fluency and Accelerate Literacy:
Sing, Sign and Spell L-O-V-E

L-O-V-E Spells Love
by Nellie Edge

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Love: Cross hands (closed in fists) at wrist and place over heart.
Spells: Fingers of one hand make a motion of pushing keys on a typewriter/keyboard, starting with index finger and going to little finger. Hand moves from center, outward as you do this.

This simple melody and rhythm also works for spelling the important friendship word “like”!

L-i-k-e

Like: The thumb and forefinger pinch together by the chest and move outward as if drawing the heart towards something to show an interest (liking) in something.

See ASL Browser: Michigan State University ASL (American Sign Language) Browser
http://commtechlab.msu.edu/sites/aslweb/browser.htm

Make your own language chart of this song and teach it to the children early in the year. Practice writing “love” efficiently. Watch the children’s joy as they sing, sign, spell and write “love” over and over again. Soon they will be able to read “love” in any context.

Available on Music is Magic CD with Nellie Edge and Tom Hunter.
See video clip at www.nelliedge.com from The Magic of Signing Songs seminar literacy manual and DVD II.