

Reading and Activities for School and Home



Alphabet Mystery

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Materials

Small pieces of construction paper cut to the same size, crayons or markers, an alphabet song written on a piece of paper.

Activities

Teach the children to sing an alphabet song together. Children can then use the squares of paper to create a flipbook, writing an uppercase and lowercase of each letter on each square. Encourage them to use a variety of colors for the letters. Have them decorate a front cover for the flipbook, and then help them staple or fasten the papers together in

order. Show them how to hold the book and flip through each page. If they are ready to try it, they may also enjoy making a flipbook in cursive letters.

Help older children compare this alphabet book to other ABC books they may know. Encourage them to talk about ways in which *Alphabet Mystery* is different from traditional ABC books. How does each type of book help them learn the alphabet? Have the children locate *Alphabet Adventure* by Audrey Wood in the library and read it together. Engage children in creating their own "alphabet" themed book that could help a younger sibling or friend learn their ABCs through a fun narrative.

Joel Says

Before the book is read, ask...

How do you think this alphabet book might be different from other ABC books you've read? What is a mystery?

Stop during the reading and ask...

What alphabet letter didn't say his name on the first two pages of the book? Why doesn't Little x want to return? Do you have to be big to be important?

After reading the book, ask...

What did you learn about Little x? How did you feel about the ending of the story? Now do you know what a mystery is?