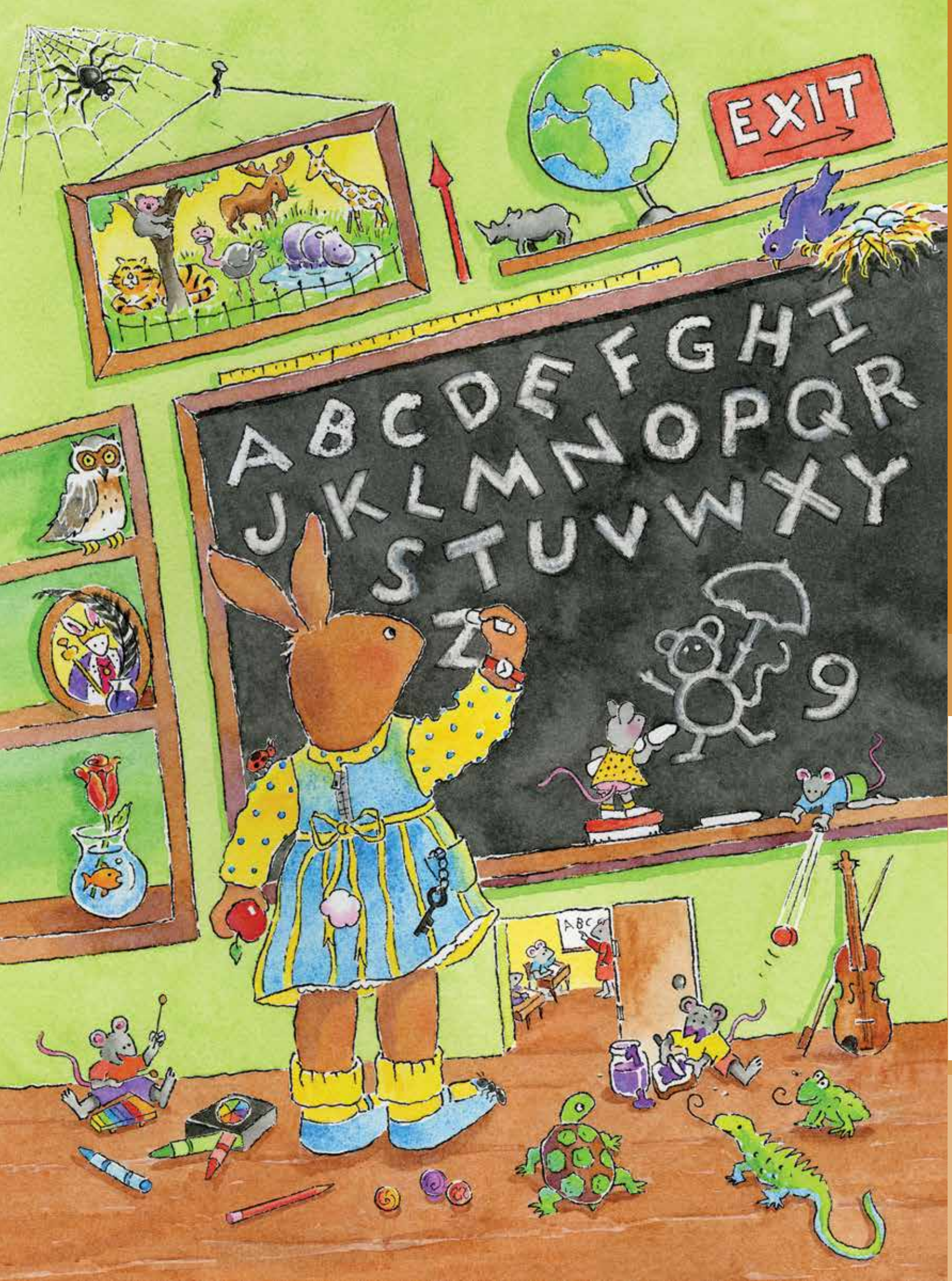


Books to Read

Alphabatics by Suse MacDonald

Alphabet City by Stephen T. Johnson

AlphaOops! The Day Z Went First by Alethea Kontis

Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish

Curious George Learns the Alphabet by H. A. Rey

Eating the Alphabet by Lois Ehlert

The Graphic Alphabet by David Pelletier

The Hidden Alphabet by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

I Stink! By Kate McMullan

Jambo Means Hello: Swahili Alphabet Book by Muriel Feelings

Old Black Fly by Jim Aylesworth

Shiver Me Letters: A Pirate ABC by June Sobel

The Sleepy Little Alphabet by Judy Sierra

American Sign Language Alphabet



Seek & Find

Alphabet

Find all the things that begin with each letter of the alphabet. There is a list of 100 words on the last page of the calendar.

September: Letters

Maryland Spotlight: Phyllis Reynolds Naylor Phyllis Reynolds Naylor has written more than 135 books, including the Newbery Award-winning *Shiloh* and its sequels; the *Alice* series; *Roxie and the Hooligans*, and *Roxie and the Hooligans at Buzzard's Roost.* She states the happiest part of her childhood "was listening to my parents read to us aloud, long after we learned to read ourselves. A half hour or so was reserved each evening for storytime, and I still remember the pleasure of listening to my mother read from *The Wind in the Willows* and the way Dad could imitate all the characters in *Huckleberry Finn*. I absolutely love making up stories. The best part about writing is the moment a character comes alive on paper or when a place that existed only in my head becomes real." Phyllis lives in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
☐ Make an ABC Book Make a 26 page booklet from blank paper. Together, write each letter on the top of each page. Fill in your book with drawings or magazine pictures all month long.	☐ A is for Apple  Eat an apple and count the seeds.	☐ B is for Bumblebee With your hand in a fist say: Here is a beehive, but where are the bees? Hiding inside where nobody sees. Watch and you'll see them come out of their hive 1,2,3,4,5… BZZZ!	☐ C is for Cup Make a tower using paper or plastic cups. How high can you go?	☐ D is for Dig  Fill a small container with dirt or rice and hide objects in it. Have your child dig for treasure!	☐ E is for Exercise Touch your toes, do some jumping jacks and, stretch your arms up high. Feel your body move and breathe!	☐ Visit Your Library!  Check out some alphabet books. If possible get *Eating the Alphabet* and *Shiver Me Letters* from this month's booklist.
☐ Look for Letters Read one of your library books. Help your child find the letters of their name in the words of the book.	☐ F is for Fruit Talk about your favorite fruits and then make some fruit salad together.	☐ G is for Grandparents Tell your child a story about their grandparent or have a grandparent tell a story themselves.	☐ H is for Honey  September is National Honey Month. Taste some honey and talk about where it comes from.	☐ I is for Ice Melt ice cubes and talk about temperature. Have your child list things that are hot and things that are cold.	☐ J is for Jack and Jill *Jack and Jill went up the hill* *to fetch a pail of water;* *Jack fell down and broke his crown, and Jill came tumbling after.*	☐ Letters Ahoy! Talk like a pirate day! If you have a copy, read *Shiver Me Letters: A Pirate ABC.*
☐ Dough Spelling!  Make salt dough or play dough and use it to spell out your name.	☐ K is for King Old King Cole was a merry old soul And a merry old soul was he; He called for his pipe, And he called for his bowl And he called for his fiddlers three.	☐ L is for Leaves  Take a walk outside and look for leaves. Try to find ten different kinds of leaves.	☐ M is for Music Sing the Alphabet Song together. Try singing it while doing the American Sign Language letters (above.)	☐ N is for Noodle Help your child spell their name or make the alphabet using spaghetti noodles.	☐ O is for Origami  Origami is the Japanese art of making objects by folding paper. Help your child fold a paper airplane.	☐ Eat Your Letters! Have a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables. If you have a copy, read *Eating the Alphabet* for inspiration!
☐ I Spy Letters Point out the letters you recognize in signs, labels and billboards throughout the day.	☐ P is for Pat-a-cake *Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake,* *baker's man,* *Bake me a cake* *as fast as you can.* *Roll it, and prick it,* *and mark it with a "B"* *And put it in the oven* *for baby and me!*	☐ Q is for Quilt Draw a family quilt on paper and have each family member decorate one or more squares.	☐ R is for Red Look for all the red objects you see throughout the day.	☐ S is for Sign Language Explain the idea of sign language. Teach them to say I love you.	☐ T is for Treasure Hunt Find objects around the house that start with each letter of the alphabet.	☐ Sign Your Name Using the guide above, practice spelling out your child's name in American Sign Language.
☐ Tell the Story Choose your favorite alphabet book to look at together. Have your child tell the story by looking at the illustrations.	☐ U is for Umbrella Slap your legs in tune to: *Rain is falling down SPLASH!* *Rain is falling down SPLASH!* *Pitter patter, pitter patter,* *Rain is falling* *down* *SPLASH!*	☐ V is for Vegetables  Name a vegetable that starts with each letter of the alphabet.	☐ W is for Wash Make paint with shaving cream mixed with a few drops of food coloring. Paint with it in the tub during bath time.	☐ X is for X-marks-the-spot Find your country, state and city on a map. Draw a map of your neighborhood.	☐ Y is for Yellow Point out all the yellow objects you see throughout the day.	☐ Z is for Zoo  Write a list of animals you may see at the zoo. Draw or paint a picture of your favorite zoo animal.