wash your hands!

find the objects.

dig to leaves. Have your child dig to find leaves. Try to find or more squares.

family member decorate one or more squares.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Make salt dough

Fill a small container

D is for Dig

Take a walk outside

L is for Leaves

Q is for Quilt

T each your child to make up some hand motions

bouncing B! The Cat's in the cupboard and can't see me. cosmic ray

rhyme: Great A, little a, B is for Bumblebee

try using the same tune of Mary Had a Little Lamb

sing the alphabet to the tune of your neighborhood.

count the seeds.

criss cross apple sauce

cool breeze, tight squeeze spiders here, spiders there

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1. uno  6. seis  3. tres  8. ocho  5. cinco

ten in Spanish.

objects you see throughout the day.

touching toes. The square dance is South Carolina's folk dance. Do a square dance if you recognize in signs

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first letter of the alphabet.

you have 26. Together, write

cut up pictures of your neighborhood.

draw a map of your neighborhood.

Find your country, state, and city on a map. Draw a map

x-marks-the-spot

x is for

try using different

teach them

language to your child.

for Baby and me!

and mark it with a "B"

roll it, and prick it,

bake me a cake

baker's man,

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake,

"I love you."

how to say goodbye by waving.

goodbye by saying hello and how to say goodbye by waving.

talk about temperature.

have 26. Together, write

draw self-portraits with your child where you are each day.

count the seeds.

See by Tana Hoban

A is for Artist by Ella Doran

Bruno Munari's ABC by Bruno Munari

AlphaOops! The Day Z Went First by Alethea Kontis

Alphabet Under Construction by Denise Fleming

Just in Case: A Trickster Tale and Spanish Alphabet Book by Yuyi Morales

SuperHero ABC by Bob McLeod

F is for Fiesta by Susan Middleton Elya

Shiver Me Letters: A Pirate ABC by June Sobel

Max’s ABC by Rosemary Wells

On Your Toes: A Ballet ABC by Rachel Isadora

ABC by Dorling Kindersley

P is for Palmetto: A South Carolina Alphabet by Carol Crane

Step, Run, Totter

Baby steps, Toddler totters

Child runs headlong — into books!

—Linda Lucas Walling
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<td><strong>A is for Apple</strong>&lt;br&gt;Eat an apple and count the seeds.&lt;br&gt;Criss Cross Apple Sauce&lt;br&gt;Spiders crawling up your back&lt;br&gt;Spiders here, Spiders there&lt;br&gt;Spiders even in your hair&lt;br&gt;Cool breeze, tight squeeze&lt;br&gt;Now you've got the shivers</td>
<td>Make an ABC book to work on all month&lt;br&gt;Fold over paper or cut up pieces of paper until you have 26. Together, write the letter on the top of each page. Fill in your book with drawings or cut out pictures all month long!</td>
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