



## Monthly ABC Tracing Books

- My students LOVE making their little booklets each month. They are just the right size for them.
- I encourage them to have a special Book Box at home where they can keep them. I send a letter home with the Apple Book telling about this program.
- It's important to practice tracing and writing those letters and a cute little book that matches a monthly theme is a fun way to do it.
- I have my students add some color to the cover and write their name under the title. They trace with a "fun" yellow highlighter.
- I allow 10 minutes for this activity. When they are done with their booklet they clean up their station and leave their booklet on the table, then transition to a Tummy Tubby Time activity 'til everyone is done.
- When everyone is done, or when the timer rings, children grab their booklets and we sit on our ***Circle Of Friends*** carpet. We page through our booklet singing the ABC song slowly. Then I'll play a few minutes of "***I Spy A Letter***". They quickly page through their booklets to find that letter. The 1<sup>st</sup> one who has their hand up, and has found the correct letter, gets a sticker on their booklet. Then we count from 10-0 and the children "Blast Off!" to their lockers to put their booklet in their backpack.
- I don't do all of the booklets on the same day, it's too tedious for little hands. I sprinkle them through out the week or month. Because the alphabet one is rather long in the beginning of the year, I'll allow 5 minutes for tracing time and then collect the books and then hand them out after recess or in the afternoon to finish. I had one little girl in September tell me. "*I can't trace anymore. My hand's out of gas!*"



Dear Families,

- This is your child's 1<sup>st</sup> ABC Trace & Write book! They will be bringing one home each month along with a matching little book on numbers and shapes.
- There are 27 Mini Books in all! They make wonderful keepsakes!
- I suggest buying a plastic shoebox at your local Dollar Store to keep these special memories in.
- Your child will also be making many other little ***Easy-Reader booklets*** in my class that will include adorable artwork that they have drawn as well as a school photograph to make it more personal and extra special. These half-page books will also fit nicely in the shoe box.
- They are learning so many report card standards with these books: concepts of print, language arts, pre-writing skills, pre-reading skills, how to hold a writing utensil, name writing, listening and following directions, taking pride in their work, staying on task, recognizing similarities and differences, recognizing numbers, letters, and shapes + all of the other math and reading standards covered in the special *Easy Readers* like spatial directions and pre-addition & subtraction!
- Please reinforce their lessons by asking them to share their little booklets with you when they come home. This only takes a few moments and gives them a sense of pride & accomplishment plus builds their self-esteem.
- Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Educationally Yours,