

## “LEARNING ON THE GO “ Early Literacy Activities for Tots

Choose a letter of the week for a fun activity that can be done at home or on the go. To start, use the first letter in your child’s name then refer to it as the “letter of the week”. If you have magnetic letters, put your selected letter on the refrigerator. The sound of the letter should also be emphasized. Continue to find words beginning with that letter throughout the week. At home look for the letter on familiar household and food items. While driving, look at billboards, store signs and license plates. Grocery stores offer unlimited opportunities for finding letters while keeping your child occupied. The next week choose the second letter in your child’s name and start all over.

Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing *before* they can actually read and write. This activity teaches **letter knowledge**, one of the six pre-reading skills your child can start learning from birth. For more information or activities, check out “Every Child Ready To Read” at [ala.org](http://ala.org) or call Healthy Start at 728-KIDS.