

## Unit 1: Family, Friends, and More Week 2: Meet the Alphabet/At The Library

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Dear Families,

This week, we will continue to explore our learning environment—the areas of our room, the daily routines we follow, and the different parts of our school day. While we explore, we will get to know one another and how to work, share, and learn together.

Children will be introduced to the alphabet as they listen to and act out a rhyming chant from the book, *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault. Children will see how uppercase and lowercase letters are different as they follow the alphabet that climbs to the top of a coconut tree.

We will learn about the library and all the things it has to offer children. We will take a trip to the library, learn how to borrow and return books, and listen to a story about a little girl who loves the library, *Lola at the Library* by Anna McQuinn.

We will also watch a video clip about letters, "Upper and Lowercase," and video clips about the library, "Look It Up," "At the Library (A–Z,)" and "Read a Book Today!" all from *Between the Lions*.

You can explore the alphabet with your child at home, too. Here are a few activity ideas:

- Help your child find letters around the home. Together, circle the letters you've found on his or her alphabet bracelet.
- Take your child on a letter hunt outside (in a car, on a bus, or on a walk), and notice all the letters and numbers you see on license plates.

Thank you!

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