

CUE WORDS FOR LETTERS AND NUMBERS:

Many parents have asked how they can help their child. Letter and number writing practice is one way. Here are the cue words that we use for numbers and the current letters taught to date.

Numbers: 1-straight line down 2- half a circle, with a tail (tail 2) 3- around the tree, around the tree, that's how you make the number 3 (bumpy B 3) 4- make a leg with a foot, then a straight line down, 5- little line down, with a belly and a flag (flag 5) 6- make a leg with my sneaker (sneaker 6) 7-across the sky and down from heaven, that's how you make a number 7 8- make an "s" and close it up 9-make a head with a neck (neck 9)

10-19 are considered teenagers, one group of 10 with some left over. The one reminds me of the body language of a teenager...grumpy, ramrod stiff body, arms crosses with a sullen face! I pantomime this to the kiddos to remind them that the 1 (group of 10) comes first. I know, it's silly but...it works!!!

Magic c letters: c-magic c a- magic c, go up and down, d-magic c, go up, up, up, bump the ceiling, then down. O-magic c, go all around g-magic c, go up and down, down, down, and make a hook to catch his head! S-magic c and backwards c q- magic c, go up and down, down, down and kick back his heel.

Diver letters: p-long line down, frog jump to the top and give him a head r-little line down, come back up and make a hook n-little line down, come back up and make a hump m-little line down, come back up and make 2 humps h-long line down, come back up half way and give him a chair b-long line down, come back up half way and give him a belly t-straight line down and cross in the middle i-little line down with a dot l-long line down j-long line down with a hook and a dot

Copy cats: v-diagonal down, then up w-diagonal down, then up, and down and up z-diagonal across, diagonal down and diagonal across again k-long line down, from his bellybutton, give him a leg, then an arm y-little diagonal down then long diagonal across x-little diagonal crosses little diagonal

Tricky letters: e-little line across, give him a hat and a mouth u-make a smile with a kickstand f-make a candy cane and cross it!