

# Create a Class Book: All About Teacher Children and Families Want to Know Who You Are!

**A Favorite Class Book: All About Mrs. Vignery**

The beginning of kindergarten is all about getting to know each other, building community, learning to care about our friends, and to take care of our classroom.

<p><b>All About</b></p>  <p><b>Mrs. Vignery</b></p>	<p>This is my family.</p> 	<p>This is my cat.</p>  <p>Blue</p> <p>This is my cat too.</p>  <p>Boots</p>	<p>This is my friend.</p> 
<p>This is my house.</p>  <p>I love the tree!</p>	<p>I love the beach!</p> 	<p>I love football!</p>  <p>Go <b>Beavers!</b></p>	<p>I love the pumpkin patch!</p>  <p>So does Evan!</p>

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## Children Read This Book Over and Over Again

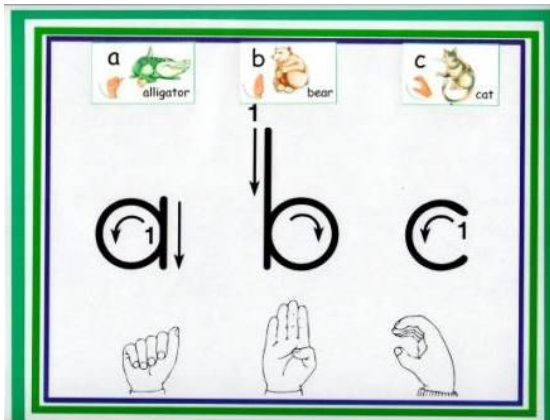
<p><b>All About</b></p>  <p><b>Mrs. Nelson!</b></p>	 <p>Esta es mi familia.</p> <p>This is my family.</p>
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Consider creating a book in English and Spanish as a professional development practicum project. Make 2 copies; send one home!  
Commit to taking this workshop for PDUs!

# Students LOVE ABC Playdough Mats: FREE on TPT

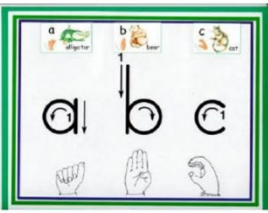
Download the Resources. Mount and Laminate: Consider making multiple sets for use in classroom, to send home with families, and for Response-To-Intervention work.

## Add Key Phonics Symbol to Playdough Mats



FREE ABC Playdough Mats with Handwriting Arrows and Fingerspelling are available at [Nellie Edge TPT Store](http://NellieEdge.com).

Add images from the [ABC Phonics Family Reference Chart](http://NellieEdge.com).



**Play Dough Mats:  
abc Fingerspelling  
I (Independence) Chart**

**My Responsibilities**

I will:

- Keep the play dough on the abc mat and on the table.
- **First**, trace the letters with my pointer finger and say the letter name and sound.
- **Next**, fingerspell each letter accurately.



Independence Chart and Playdough Recipe are included in this free download.

Use *ABC Playdough Mats* to Reinforce Handwriting, Letter Recognition, and Fingerspelling. Children first trace the letters with their pointer finger.

Create a Playdough Tote. Use the I (Independence) Chart

# Create a Moveable Word Wall on a Magnetic Oil Pan

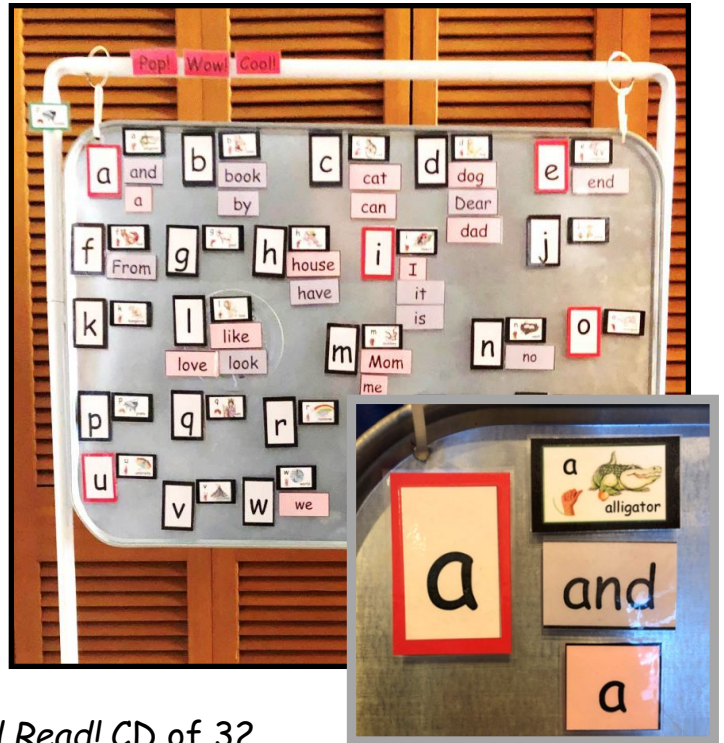
I hang mine from a portable clothes rack or pocket chart stand using binder rings and zip ties

## Attach magnets to ABC Phonics symbols and heart words

Is **wall space limited** in your classroom? Create a moveable word wall using the first 2 sets (pink and purple) of high-frequency kindergarten "heart words." You can find large magnetic steel drip trays in automotive stores (25"x36"). Drill two small holes in the corners for the zip ties.

**Hold all children accountable** to spell "heart words" that have been introduced and practiced with multisensory sing, sign, spell, read and write strategies.

- If a child does not remember how to spell a word, he or she is **expected to take it off the word wall** and bring it to their table and copy it conventionally (We call this adult spelling or book spelling).
- Children learn to **use the environment as a resource** to help them remember how to write "heart words."
- **Only** add words to the word wall **after** they have been introduced. Let children **see** you add the word to the word wall. Demonstrate how to find new words on the word wall. Use the *Sing, Sign, Spell, and Read!* CD of 32 high-frequency word songs for practice and review. (Find it under Store on <https://nellieedge.com/>) You may make multiple copies for families.



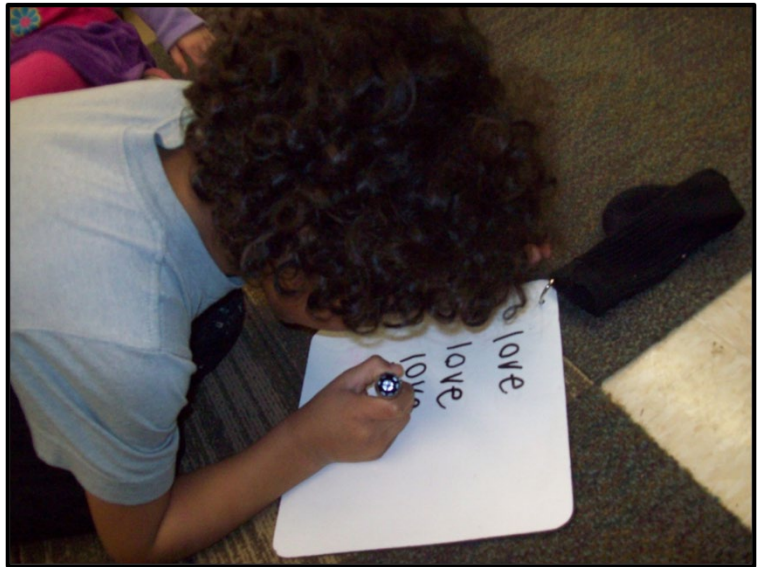
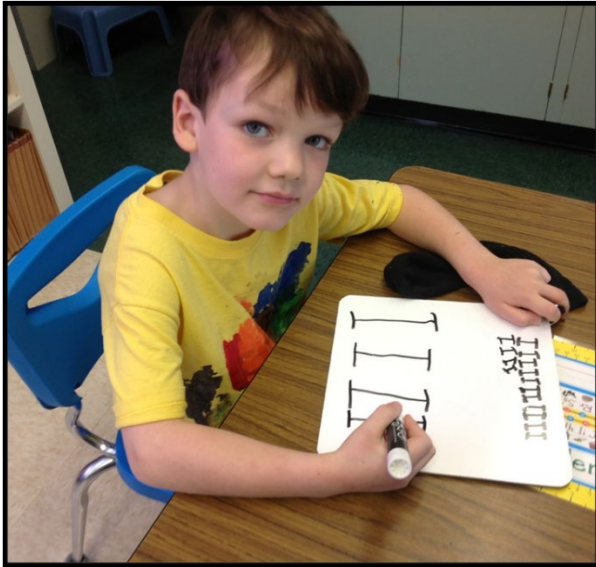
## How to Make a Moveable Word Wall as Seen on Nellie Edge Online Seminars

You can download the a-z letters (as flashcards) and key phonics images (cut from Family Reference Chart) from *ABC Phonics: Sing, Sign, and Read!* on the ABC Phonics page at <https://nellieedge.com/>. Back the symbols with construction paper. Laminate and attach magnets. The words shown are from the pink and purple sets included with [Nellie Edge Online Seminars](#) or on [Kindergarten Sight Word Program on our TPT store](#).

**About kindergarten "heart words":** We organized the highest-use kindergarten sight words into 4 color-coded sets of 16 words each. This gives children and families crystal-clear learning objectives that are differentiated for each learner. We call them "heart words" because children are expected to write them "by heart" as opposed to unknown words that we use phonics-based spelling for. Learn more at <https://nellieedge.com/kindergarten-writing-heart-words/>.

# White Erase Boards are Essential Literacy Tools!

*We like to round the corners and attach a black sock for the black pen.*



## About Those White Boards: How to Make Your Own or Where to Buy Them



Or order the 9" x 12" size  
on Amazon.com:  
"OptiMA Erase  
Lapboard"s (set of 15)

- The shower boards comes in 4' x 8' sheets at local home improvement stores.
- Tell the salesperson you're a kindergarten teacher, and they might cut the boards into small pieces for you.
- My favorite size is 9" square.
- Use a skill saw to round the corners.
- Attach black socks with a 1" ring.
- Use black dry erase markers.

### Teach students how to use white boards and pens

- *If you don't hear a click, your marker will get sick! (Thank you, Hope Willy)*
- *Erase with socks! Not with fingers!*