



Project Rainbow Curriculum

Target audience: 3-4 year olds + family

Time: 6-8 minutes each

**Differentiation
for English Learners (EL) and
Diverse Learners (DL)
across all lessons**

- Physical movement: hand motions, ASL alphabet, air writing, creating letters with body, actions connected to target words
- Reciting ABCs with multi-modal input: visual cues, verbal, musical
- Physical cues/guides for letter sound formation
- Counting with multi-modal input: kinesthetic (fingers), visual cues, verbal prompting
- Color cues for letter of the day and picture supports for target words
- Extra examples of letter of the day
- Repetition / multiple opportunities to practice skills across lessons
- Teacher modeling and gesturing (e.g. pretend to pet the cat)



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Lesson #1

Standards	4.B.ECa With teacher assistance, recite the alphabet 4.B.ECc With teacher assistance, match some upper/lowercase letters of the alphabet 4.C.ECd With teacher assistance, isolate and pronounce the initial sound in words. 4.D.ECb With teacher assistance, demonstrate understanding of the one-to-one correspondence of letters and sounds	
Objectives	1. Phonemic awareness	I can accurately name the letters of the alphabet. I can accurately name a consonant and make its sound - Letter of the day: R
	2. Language (Adapted from WIDA Standards Framework Can Do Descriptors for Kindergarten for English Language Learners)	I can participate in group songs and chants using gestures or physical movement. I can match oral descriptions of content related topics to illustrations or graphics.
	3. Math / Science	I can identify the colors red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. I can count letters and objects up to 6 with 1:1 correspondence.
Materials	Session 3 slides	
Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hello Song 2. Lesson Overview 3. Sing the ABC song 4. Introduce the Letter of the Day - R 5. Identify words that start with the letter R 6. Counting and color practice with the rainbow 7. Letter Hunt (R) 8. Closing 	
Extensions for families	Videos: The Letter R Song , Letter R Storybots , Are you ready for R? Books: Planting A Rainbow , Rainbow Fish , In the Rain E-Activities: Starfall - R , Sight Word Review (1-100) , ABC Interactive Engagement Art Activities: Planting a Rainbow Activity , Create the letter R using old magazines, playdough, Legos, etc	

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	<p>Printables: English- Letter R, Trace the Letter R, Trace the Letter r, Letter R Color and Write, Letter R Crown, Find the letter R, Letter R Coloring Page, Number 3 Trace, Color, Write, Number 3 Extension activity, Number 3 Crown</p> <p>Spanish- Número 3, traza, colorea, escribe, Número 3 actividad de extensión, Corona del número 3</p> <p>(Printables downloaded from superteacherworksheets.com)</p>
<p>Lesson Script</p>	<p>(Sing “Hello Song”) Hello! Hello! Hello and how are you? I’m fine, I’m fine, and I hope that you are too! (<i>to be reenacted by Second City actors</i>)</p> <p>Good morning, scholars! I am so glad you are here to learn and play with me! Today we are going to learn about a new letter, the letter R! We also will practice counting to 5 and name colors so let’s get started!</p> <p>We start every class by singing our favorite letter song, the ABC song. Are you ready? Let’s go! (Show “ABC song” recording, reenacted by Second City actor with visuals in background)</p> <p>Your voices are amazing! Now that our brains are warmed up, and we reviewed all of our letters in song, let’s meet our special letter of the day - R! (<i>Click one time in the slides to see the letter R and then click again for each image.</i>)</p> <p>Remember we have two types of letters uppercase and lowercase, Here I see an Uppercase R and Lowercase r. R says /r/. Repeat after me /r /r/ /r/ (<i>hold hand to ear and mouth /r/ /r/ /r/</i>) Check - are your lips making an O shape like mine when you make the /r/ sound? (<i>Using your pointer finger, trace a circle around your lips while making the r sound.</i>) Now, let’s make an R in American Sign Language (Make a R using American Sign Language) Great job! Now lets practice writing the letter R in the air. Use your finger to draw an uppercase R in the air! Can you make it even bigger? (Draw an R in the air) Now use your finger and draw Rs in your hand! (Draw R’s in your hand) How many R’s did you draw? WOW you made lots of Rs.</p> <p>Scholars, I need your help. I am having trouble thinking of words that begin with the letter R. Can you help me out? What words do you know that start with the letter R and make the /r/ sound in the beginning? (<i>hold hand to ear pretending you are listening for answers</i>)</p> <p>Scholars, I heard someone say /r/ /r/ rain! You are absolutely correct, the word rain starts with the letter r. I love when it rains. Pretend you are looking up in the sky and open a pretend umbrella.. (<i>Make the motions of opening an umbrella and standing under it to stay dry from the raindrops.</i>)</p> <p>The next r word I heard a scholar say is something that shows up in the sky after it rains AND is full of beautiful colors! Do you know what word our friend said? /r/ /r/ rainbow! Rainbow starts with the letter r. I see the rainbow’s colors! Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet! (<i>Point off in the distance.</i>) Have you ever seen a rainbow? Next time it rains see if you can spot a beautiful rainbow.</p>

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What other words start with r? I hear someone saying /r/ /r/ rat. Rat also starts with the letter r. Yes and if you see a rat, use another r word and RUN!!! (*Pretend to RUN away from the rat.*)

Wow! I'm all out of breath! That was great fun exploring different R words! (*Take a big breath and advance to the next slide*) A rainbow is magical. Look at all the beautiful colors on this rainbow. Let's count them together, one at a time. Get your pointer finger ready and we will start at the top! (*Point your finger up.*) Point to each color, starting with red on your screen and count with me. Ready? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6. (*Move down the rainbow, counting each arch, one at a time, as you count and click to display each number.*) There are 6 different colors! (*Hold up 6 fingers*) What colors do you see? (*Pause for 3 seconds.*) I heard someone say they see red! Yes! (*pause and point*), and orange (*pause and point*), yellow (*pause and point*), green (*pause and point*), blue (*pause and point*) and violet. Which color is your favorite? My favorite is the red one because red starts with the letter r!

Alright, letter experts - now it's time for a letter find activity! Look at all those letters! Can you find the letter R? Come up to the screen. How many R's can you count? (*Pause for 3 seconds*) Hm, I see 3 R's! (*Hold up 3 fingers*) Did you find them all? Let's see. (*Click once for all other letters to disappear.*) I see a pink R (*pause and point*), a purple R (*pause and point*), and a red R (*pause and point*)! Fantastic job finding the letter R with me. You all are real letter experts and you know your colors too!

Wow, our time together has been so much fun and we learned a lot today! We practiced the alphabet, learned all about the letter R, practiced counting and naming the colors in the rainbow too! Looking for more fun learning activities to do with your family? Go to [insert website]. Thank you for joining me today! Come back next time to learn about the letter S! (*Be very enthusiastic*) I can't wait to grow our brains even more next time!