Play to Learn

Alphabet Rocks!

What?

1) Use "letter rocks" to talk about and sing the alphabet
2) Discuss the names of the letters and the sounds they make
3) Have your child spell their name with the rocks

How?

- collect rocks or other objects large enough to write letters on (have enough to write both uppercase and lowercase letters)
- arrange in alphabetical order (you can use just upper or lowercase rather than both at the same time)
- point to each letter while saying/singing the alphabet
- have your child point out the letters that they recognize
- find the letters in their name, and the names of those in their family (pets too!)

Why?

* builds print awareness
* develops recognition of letters and words in the environment
* encourages a joy of literacy
* helps children learn kinaesthetically (learning through movement)
* promotes social-emotional skills through turn taking and positive interactions

Expand:

1) Write upper and lowercase letters onto plastic spoons - now match them together
2) Use rocks to make big letters and words- what can you spell?
3) Use a stick and write/draw in the dirt or sand

Miss Diana sings the sounds of the alphabet https://youtu.be/Kc8dDUUGmiY