



## August-Celebrate the ABCs; September-/Ss/ is for Squirrels

### About This Newsletter & Calendar

I am excited to introduce the new format of my monthly communication with you! Whenever I visit your child's classroom I am always accompanied by my friend, Jimbo! Whatever my side-kick is thinking about will be the theme of our stories. [For example in September he might be thinking of Squirrels.] The children enjoy guessing the theme and the letter clues Jimbo packs for us in his Alphabet Jar. [/Ss/]

The front page of this newsletter will always share what we did during our half hour of library time and highlight up-coming events, appropriate for preschoolers, at all Medina County Library locations.

New this year will be a where I highlight one or two of the early learning "standards" I focused on. Experts have established these topics and recommend that ALL incoming kindergarteners have an understanding of them. [Forests and Forest Animals].

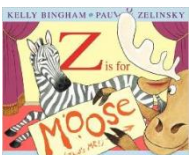
On the reverse side, you will find an activity calendar for the NEXT MONTH! The activities in the calendar will focus on the LETTER and THEME that Jimbo and I shared in the classroom. These newsletters and calendars will also be posted to my website at [www.dawn-roginski.com](http://www.dawn-roginski.com). The calendars are designed for you to spend a few minutes everyday reinforcing the letter sound, theme and/or learning standard that was introduced in school. We know that parents are their children's first and most important teachers. We also know that children are best prepared for kindergarten when YOU are involved in the five best early learning practices of :

**Talking** | **Singing** | **Reading** | **Writing** | **Playing**

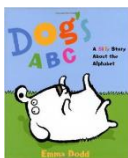
Enjoy and Happy Learning!

### Books We Read

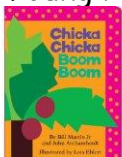
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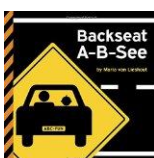
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### We Sang and Danced to:

"The ABCs of Moving You"

Performed by Usher on Sesame Street

A. Move your arm. B. Bounce like a ball. C. Like a crustacean and do the crabby crawl. D. Everybody get down. E. Elbows out. F. Finger slapping flutter about.

CHORUS: Move your body to the letters, you know it's true, 'cause the ABCs are moving you.

G. Glide once. H. Hop twice. I. Start to shiver like you are covered in ice. J. Everybody jump. K. Kick the air. L. Lift your leg and shake it everywhere.

CHORUS

M. Make a muscle. N. Give a nod. O. Move like an octopus it's is not that hard. Check it out now. P. Point. Q. Quiver. R. Run. S. Slither. So many letters in the alphabet. What about T? Turnaround 'cause I'm not done. U. It's for Usher. V. Play the violin. W. Wiggle again and again and - Okay, that is enough. X. Make an X. Y. Yeah, man. Z. Zoom around 'CAUSE zoom is the best.

Those are all the letters and now we are through. ABC's are moving you.