

### Month: August Week: 3 Subject: Phonics

Day 1	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
	Theme: We're Going to the Fair Number: 3 Letter: Vv Color: Gold Shape: Oval	ELA2.1 Demonstrate awareness of the alphabet ELA2.2 Demonstrate phonological awareness
Indicators		
	Younger Infants	Older Infants
	May grasp or touch a rattle and respond to the sound with movement or facial expressions.	May shake the rattle independently and react differently to loud vs. soft sounds.

#### **Activity: Sound Rattle Play**

Provide each infant with a safe, lightweight rattle. Model shaking it slowly and then quickly, using exaggerated facial expressions and varying your voice ("shake... shake fast!"). Offer the rattle to infants, encouraging them to explore cause and effect by moving it themselves. Narrate what they're doing ("You made it loud!") to connect their actions to sound.

Resources/Materials  • Baby-safe rattles (soft grip, lightweight)	Key Vocabulary: shake, loud, soft	Support:
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Day 2	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
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Indicators		
indicators	Younger Infants	Older Infants
	May look toward the speaker's mouth when hearing the /v/ sound.	May attempt to imitate the /v/ sound or move lips in response.

#### Activity: V Sound Listening (Soft Repetition)

Sit face-to-face with infants and say the /v/ sound slowly while exaggerating lip movement. Repeat short, simple /v/ words (van, vest, vine) in a sing-song tone. Give infants time to watch your lips and respond with coos or movements. For older infants, pause after saying a /v/ word to encourage imitation.

Resources/Materials  • None required	Key Vocabulary: van, vest, vine	Support:
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Indicators		
indicators	Younger Infants	Older Infants
	May look at or reach for an animal picture while hearing the sound.	May attempt to imitate the animal sound or gesture toward the correct picture.

#### Activity: Animal Sound Play

Show infants one large picture card of an animal at a time (cow, duck, sheep). Make the matching sound slowly and clearly, using hand gestures or actions to match (patting your head for "cow" horns). Give infants time to respond by looking, smiling, or making a sound. Repeat 2-3 times to help them begin associating the sound with the animal.

Resources/Materials  • Large, laminated animal picture cards	Key Vocabulary: cow, duck, sheep	Support:
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Day 4	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
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Indicators		
	Younger Infants	Older Infants
	May look toward the teacher and smile or coo while listening to the song.	May clap hands, sway, or vocalize in rhythm with the song.

Activity: Sing "V" Song

Sing a short, repetitive song that highlights the /v/ sound (e.g., "V is for van, very, very van!"). Keep the beat by gently tapping the floor or clapping. Pause occasionally for older infants to join in with a clap, hum, or babble. Emphasize the /v/ at the start of words and smile to encourage imitation.

Resources/Materials  • None required	Key Vocabulary: van, very, vest	Support:
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## Month: August Week: 3 Subject: Phonics

Day 5	Topic(s)	Foundation(s)
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Indicators		
	Younger Infants	Older Infants
	May explore one item from the basket by looking, touching, or mouthing (if safe).	May choose an item when prompted or react to its name being spoken.

#### Activity: Alphabet Listening Basket

Fill a small basket with 3-5 safe objects whose names start with the letter V (toy van, velvet ribbon, vest). Introduce each item one at a time, saying its name slowly and emphasizing the /v/ sound. Allow infants to explore the items with their hands while repeating the names several times.

Resources/Materials  • Small basket; safe objects starting with V	Key Vocabulary: van, velvet, vest	Support:
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