

No More Letter of the Week!

Just . . . Say . . . NO!

WHAT AND WHY: Doing the 'letter of the week' is seductive, because there are 26 letters and about 26 weeks without holidays in the school year. But current best practice and research advise against introducing a letter of the week for many reasons including:

- Students learn by comparing letters – when letters are taught one at a time, it is harder to figure out the differences and similarities;
- Students need to learn letters in context, not in isolation;
- The pace is too slow and many students will become bored and turn off; and
- Students often 'call out' the correct letter without needing to look or listen because it's 'D' Week!

For a quick summary of the research and rationale, download the free booklet 'How to Let Go of Letter of the Week in 5 Easy Steps'



<http://www.pre-kpages.com/products/how-to-let-go-of-letter-of-the-week-in-5-easy-steps/>

WHO IS THIS FOR: This is for EVERY student!! Most preschools and kindergartens have already stopped the Letter Of The Week practice.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO INSTEAD?

Read the Booklet: The booklet 'How to Let Go of Letter of the Week' suggests many quick and easy ways to incorporate letter learning into your daily schedule



Try These Fun Activities:

- Alphabet Action Man (December, 2013 Tip)
- Phoneme Isolation (Tongue Twisters and More (February, 2008 Tip)
- Sound Substitution (January, 2008 Tip)
- Alphabet Books (January, 2015 Tip)
- Alliteration Books (February, 2015 Tip)
- Bingo Chants (March, 2015 Tip)
- Words We Know (April, 2015 Tip)

