## My Turn, Your Turn

In Kindergarten we use the letter/sound chart to learn our letter names and sounds by playing "My Turn Your Turn". This is done by going through the chart starting at "Aa" ending at "Zz". First it is your turn to say the sequence of 1) the letter's name 2) the name of the picture and 3) the letter sound. Then it is your child's turn to say the same sequence: 1) the letter's name 2) the name of the picture and 3) the letter sound.

It is important to practice daily to build that immediate memory of the entire chart.

After your child has mastered the chart you can play games with them to build their ability to hear and manipulate individual sounds. The following are some ideas:

- 1) Say to your child, "Point to the picture on the chart that starts with the same sound as \_\_\_\_\_" i.e. pizza, rain, yak, water, sister, time etc.
- 2) Say to your child, "Tell me the **sound** that you hear at the beginning of the word \_\_\_\_\_" i.e. animal, bubble, castle, deer, echo etc. Remember, the sound you hear in a word when you say the word is often different from the actual letters that are in the conventional spelling of that word. Make sure they say the sound and not the letter name.
- 3) Say to your child, "Tell me the name of the letter that makes the sound at the end of the word \_\_\_\_\_" i.e. apple, pear, banana, grape, strawberry, lime etc.
- 4) Tell me the sound that you hear at the end of the word i.e. ball, bat, soccer, hockey, bowling, golf etc.

