Letter Introduction:

Materials: Reading Deck card

 Mirror (handheld mirror to share with students – or small compact mirrors)

 Method of demonstrating how to write the letter – SMART board; Marker board; Chart paper, etc.

(Review): Review the Reading Deck cards for letters introduced previously using the Reading Deck procedure (see demonstration video)

Teacher: “We are going to focus on a new letter today. Listen to these words and listen for the beginning sound, the sound that you hear first in each word.”

 (Say the Discovery Words for the letter you are introducing – ask students to echo each word)

 “What sound is the same?”

Discovery: “Look in the mirror and say (insert the sound of the letter you are introducing). What does your mouth look like?”

Reading Deck: (Show the Reading Deck card.) “This is the lowercase (insert the name of the letter you are introducing). This is the key word, (insert the keyword here). It helps us remember the sound of the letter (insert letter name here). The sound of the letter (insert letter name) is (insert letter sound).”

 “When I show you this card, I will point to the letter and YOU will say the NAME of the letter and then you’ll say the keyword to help us remember. Then, I’ll point to the letter again and YOU will say the SOUND of the letter.”

 “Let’s try it together: (example – “i”; igloo; /i/)” (Repeat 3 times)

Handwriting: Demonstrate how to make the letter. Describe the strokes as you make them.

 Have students “Sky Write” the letter using a stiff arm (see demonstration video) and saying the name of the letter and the letter sound as they sky write.

 Have students use their index finger to “write” the letter on the carpet, table, or textured surface to continue the sensory reinforcement. Students might also take turns writing the letter with their finger on the SMART board.

 Provide students with a method of writing the letter with a marker, crayon, or pencil.

Letter i

 it

 in

 is

 itch

 inch

Letter t

 tip

 ten

 tap

 toss

 tuck

Letter p

 pit

 pen

 pass

 pot

 put

Letter n

 nip

 net

 nap

 nose

 neck

Letter s

 sip

 set

 sat

 soap

 sell

Letter a

 at

 am

 ask

 ash

 and

Letter l

 lip

 last

 look

 lake

 lick

Letter d

 dig

 dad

 dust

 down

 doll

Letter f

 fit

 fan

 fish

 foot

 fast

Letter h

 hat

 hip

 hot

 hen

 have

Letter g

 go

 get

 give

 gum

 gate

Letter o

 odd

 off

 on

 often

 otter

Letter k

 kind

 key

 keep

 kiss

 kindergarten

Letter c /k/

 cap

 coat

 come

 camp

 cut

Letter m

 map

 mouth

 must

 meat

 mother

Letter r

 run

 rest

 rag

 read

 rock

Letter b

 big

 bed

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 butter

 bill

Letter e

 egg

 etch

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Letter y

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 yes

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 yarn

Letter j

 jet

 just

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 jam

 juggle

Letter u

 up

 us

 upon

 under

 usher

Letter w

 win

 wet

 wish

 with

 went

Letter v

 vest

 vat

 vase

 village

 vampire

Letter x

 fox

 mix

 tax

 box

 six

Letter z

 zip

 zap

 zoo

 zoom

 zipper

Letter qu

 quick

 quest

 quack

 quill

 quit