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

best

butter

bill

Letter e

egg

etch

elm

elf

edge

Letter y

yam

yes

yet

yak

yarn

Letter j

jet

just

jug

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