Matching Initial Phonemes Activities

Sound Matching: (Sung to “Jimmy Cracked Corn and I Don’t Care”) *say the phoneme sounds, not the letter names*
Do you have a /d/ word to share with me? Do you have a /d/ word to share with me? Do you have a /d/ word to share with me? It must start with the /d/ sound!
*Dog* is the word that starts with /d/. *Dog* is the word that starts with /d/. *Dog* is the word that starts with /d/. *Dog* starts with the /d/ sound.

Scavenger Hunt Give the child a bag with a letter on it. Go over the sound of the letter. Have him/her go around the house to collect items that begin with the same sound. For example, if the bag has the letter P written on it he/she may find a pencil, pen, and paper to put in their bag. B – book, block, baseball, bag, M – money, mat, muffin, marble, meat, milk, etc.

Silly Sentences Pick a letter sound and have the child make up a silly sentence with as many words as they can beginning with the same sound. For example: /M/ - My Mom makes many meatballs. /D/ – Did Dad do the dirty dishes?

Add Art Give the child a letter sound and have him/her draw all the pictures he/she can think of that begin with that same sound. You can label the pictures he/she drew together.

Sound Collages Search through magazines junk mail, newspapers, or any advertisements looking for pictures that begin with the same sound. Cut them out and glue to make a collage.

Interactive Websites
http://teacher.scholastic.com/clifford1/flash/phonics/index.htm
http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/picturematch/
http://www.ictgames.com/letterlifter.html
http://pbskids.org/lions/games/smartydoors.html

Apps
Dr. Seuss’s ABC
abc PocketPhonics

Books for Teaching Initial Phonemes

*Alison’s Zinnias* By Anita Lobel
*Four fur feet* By M.W. Brown
*My Name is Alice* By J. Bayer
*Dr. Seuss’s ABC* By Dr. Seuss

*Zoophabets* By R. Tallon
*The Z was Zapped* By C. Van Allsburg
*Alphabears* By K. Hague