

# Reading Lesson

## Identifying Letters & Building Words

This lesson is designed to accompany a reading of the book "Strega Nona" by Tomie dePaola  
Connection: In the book, Strega Nona makes a big pot of wonderful pasta by saying a magical chant. When she has enough pasta, she blows 3 kisses and it's ready to eat! We are going to find letters in our own "pot of pasta" and practice sounds or build words!

Objective: Give letter sounds OR create simple CVC words

### Materials Needed:

- Pot
- Ladle (preferably with strainer)
- Towel
- Plastic letters (beads, magnetic fridge letters, etc.)

### Instructions

- 1. Fill the pot halfway with water
- 2. Place letters in the pot
- 3. Ask the child to stir the soup and pull out some letters with the ladle
- 4. Identify the letters and their sounds, then blow three kisses and stir them back into the soup!
- 5. Alternatively: Pull out letters and build CVC words. You could have word endings already created (pull out letters O & P) then add the letters from the soup as the first sound and practice sounding out the word (i.e. mop, top, cop)