

Benefits of ABC Sorts in Education:

ABC Order is a Lifelong Skill

There are so many ways that we use alphabetical order throughout our day. It becomes so ingrained in our brains that we don't always realize that we are using ABC order.

Some ways that we use ABC order on a regular basis:

- looking through our phone contacts to get to a certain name
- sifting through computer files
- locating a book at the bookstore or library
- using a table of contents in a nonfiction book
- table of contents in a magazine, textbook, etc.
- looking up a word in the dictionary
- files at work or home

Key Benefits in the Classroom:

The visual memory and discernment involved, and the ability to identify patterns, relationships, similarities and differences, assists children in learning about early number representation and problem-solving.

- It is critical in the development of fine motor skills.
- It uses the phonetic principal*
- It improves word study / manipulation
- It improves spelling skills

**Phonetic principles*

In orthography, the phonemic principle holds that there should be a one-to-one correspondence between the orthographic and phonemic representation of a word, or more strictly, that there should be a one-to-one correspondence between graphemes and phonemes (which requires the writing system in question to be an alphabet.)