RECOMMENDATION 2: PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS AND LETTER-SOUND RELATIONS How-to Step 3: Activities to Link Letter-Sound Relations with Phonemic Awareness

Here is a video of a family spelling words.

## 2.3 Step Up to Spelling Words

## Key Points About the Video

https://youtu.be/N0lvwxoNV8g (6:26)

- Mom uses a word in a sentence to help her daughter understand the meaning of the word.
- When her daughter mixes up **b** and **d**, Mom helps her use a strategy of making a **b** and a **d** with her hands in the shape of a bed.
- Mom consistently makes positive comments ("You are so smart!") and gestures (high fives) to encourage her daughter.

## 2.3 Step Up to Writing Words

Key Points About the Video

https://youtu.be/j\_8DJLn0aPQ (3:42)

- Mom asks her son to say each sound as he writes the words.
- When her son reads **Pete** for **pet**, Mom points to each letter beginning with **P** and says each sound with him.
- Mom asks her son to explain how he changed bet to set.
- Mom tells her son how proud she is of him for building words, reading words, and writing words.

Take the Family Resources home and have fun with activities that link letters and sounds! Remind your child how proud you are of him or her for spelling words and practicing letter sounds!