A is for Awareness. Awareness that words have meaning is a key concept little ones need to be able to grasp before they can learn to read. The easiest way to teach this is to read together everyday! The more you read together the more they will connect the dots that when you are reading you are reading the text on the page. When they start asking what some text says you'll know they've reached this milestone.

**We Wave Hello**

We wave hello likes this.
We wave hello likes this.
We clap our hands,
for all our friends.
We wave hello likes this.
(Repeat with different actions)

**Put Your Hands Up High**

Put your hands up high, put your hands down low,
Put your hands in the middle and wiggle just so.
Put your elbows in front, put your elbows in back
Put your elbows to the side and quack, quack, quack!

**Row, Row, Row, Your Boat**

Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream
Merrily merrily, merrily, merrily
Life is but a dream
Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream
If you see an alligator
Don't forget to scream
Row, row, row your boat,
Gently down the river.
If you see a polar bear
Don't forget to shiver.

**Give a Shake**

If you're happy and you know it, give a shake
If you're happy and you know it, give a shake
If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it
If you're happy and you know it, give a shake

Verses: Give a tap, toss the egg
Trace the line between the Alligator and the Apple!