

Names Are Important!

Primary Objectives

19a. Writes name

Why It's Important

The most important alphabet letters to your child are the letters in his name. Using activities that focus on these letters in a meaningful way helps him begin to make letter–sound connections.

Materials

Your child's name written on a piece of paper

What You Do

1. Encourage your child to write his name daily in a meaningful way. For example, you could pretend to be a librarian and ask him to “sign out” a book that he wants to read with you.
2. Provide a plain piece of paper or other suitable surface on which your child can write his name.
3. Give him sufficient time and space to complete the task. Be ready to help him as he attempts to form the letters.
4. Accept any attempt your child makes to write his name. Focus on his willingness to write rather than on correct letter formation.
5. Talk about the letters in his name and the sounds they make.