

Making My Name

Primary Objectives

16a. Identifies and names letters

Why It's Important

For many young children, the letters in their names are the first letters they recognize and the most important to them. Activities built around your child's name are meaningful and fun, and they promote his knowledge of the alphabet in a personal way.

Materials

Envelopes; markers; letter manipulatives or small cards with one letter on each that spells your child's name

What You Do

1. Place the letters inside the envelope. Write your child's name on the outside of the envelope.
2. Invite your child to spell his name with you. Show him the envelope with his name printed on the front. Explain that the letters inside are the letters he will need to spell his name.
3. Have your child take the letters out of the envelope, one at a time. Encourage him to identify each letter he sees.
4. After he has taken out all of the letters, explain that he can use his printed name on the front of the envelope as a guide to help him spell his name.
5. Encourage him to arrange the letters in the correct order. When he is finished, review the name and match it to the front of the envelope.
6. Let him know that he may use the envelope and letters to share the activity with a friend or family member at a later time.