

Communication, Language, and Literacy Activity for 42 to 48 Months

Name Game

This name graph helps children build familiarity with letters while developing both language and math skills.

Materials:

- Self-stick notes
- Markers
- Roll of paper

What to do:

- 1. Write the alphabet across a long roll of paper and hang on a wall.
- 2. Print the names of the child and her playmates on individual sticky notes.
- 3. Give the children their nametags to temporarily stick on their shirts.
- 4. Sing the alphabet song with the children. Point to the children when you sing the first letter of their name.
- 5. Sing the alphabet song again. This time ask the children to come forward and place their sticky note underneath the first letter of their name on the roll of paper.
- 6. Sing the song slowly, encouraging the children to approach and place their name under a letter. If a letter has several names underneath, stack them on top of each other to create a long line.
- 7. Ask the children to look at the letters. Ask questions: Which letter has the most words/names? Which letter has the least?

Variation:

 Make sticky notes with letters of the alphabet. Encourage the child to find items in the home that start with a particular letter and stick it on.

