Talking about the letters in your child’s name helps them make connections that support reading. Go on a letter hunt for the letters in your child’s name and take a picture of each letter. #grow2gether

The most important letters to a child are the ones found in their name. Children begin to recognize the shape of the initial letter of their name, and sometimes identify any word with that letter as their name. As they develop, they start to recognize letters beyond that initial letter, and begin to understand that when the letters are put in order, they represent their name.

Grown-ups can provide support to children beginning to learn the letters in their name by labeling their belongings, playing games or singing songs that spell the child’s name. Talk about the features of the letters found in the child’s name. Are there letters with only straight lines? Are there letters with curves? Repetition helps to support children as they are learning to recognize the letters in their name.

**Learning on the Go!**

- Make a [sensory tracing bag](#) to go. Have your child practice writing their name by using their fingertip to make letters on the bag.
- While out, see if your child can find things that also have letters from their name. For example, Samantha may find the “s” on the stop sign. Kameron may find the “k” in the Kroger sign.

Share with us! We would love to see how you did this activity. Use the hashtags #grow2gether so we can find it!