Home Activity Card

**Puzzle My Name**

Encouraging literacy opportunities will help promote letter knowledge and recognition. Wondering how we do that at home? Think about the many opportunities we pass daily. Consider sharing your experiences of environmental literacy around you with a picture post and using the hashtag #grow2gether.

Children have windows of opportunity every day. Why not be a part of the experience? The first letters children may learn to recognize is the letters in their own name. At home, you can create a simple puzzle using your child’s name. Gather a few things such as paper, marker, scissors, and a magazine.

Invite your child for an interactive activity. Write your child’s name on a piece of paper. Describe what you will be doing together. Encourage your child to find the letters in your child’s name using magazine ads. Once you locate all letters, assist in cutting them out. Ask your child to place them in the order of his/her name using the sheet of paper with your child’s name on it to compare.

Children will begin to notice that letters and numbers are used everywhere. It is all over the world we live in including their everyday environments. The more we point out these moments to learn from it, the more they can apply it to their literacy building skills.

**Learning on the Go!**

- At the beach, or a place with dirt or sand? Consider using this moment to invite your child to write his name in the sand using his finger or a stick.
- At the gas station filling up? This is a great opportunity to point out the numbers on gas prices. It can be a valuable lesson on numerals, as well as the concept of cost.

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