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

Name Game

This name game 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.