

Individual

Learning Experience

Peg Your Name

Educational Purpose - Why is this important for children's learning?

This pegging experience is a great way to support children's letter recognition. Using words that are meaningful to children also helps them understand the connection between text and objects. As children squeeze to open and close the pegs, they are also strengthening their finger muscles, a skill essential for pre-writing.

Resources needed

- Pegs
- Marker
- Paper plate

Description of what to do including prompts for questions to ask children

1. Write your child's name on the rim of the paper plate. Spread the letters out enough so pegs can cover each letter.
2. Write each letter of your child's name on each peg. Mix them up.
3. Invite your child to pick one peg at a time and identify which letter it is.
4. Encourage them to find where it goes on the paper plate and pin it on so it covers the letter.
5. Support your child to repeat this so they re-create their name by pegging their name around the paper plate.

Possible extension

- Write the whole alphabet around the plate. Invite your child to find and peg every letter.
- Write the whole alphabet around the plate. Invite your child to peg names of family members/certain words (i.e. c.a.t)
- Encourage your child to write the letters they have pegged to form the word.