



Dear Families,

Welcome to the Name Bag! Names are so important in our school family, in so many ways but did you know they are also an excellent tool for teaching literacy skills? There's nothing more meaningful to a child than his/her name. Meaningful learning is long term learning. In this bag are materials with ideas and activities to help you experience this meaningful learning at home. Keep the bag for two nights and enjoy! Before returning the bag, take a few minutes to write in the enclosed journal some of the things you did together. When the bag has visited all our home families, we'll add the Name Bag Journal into our "Books by Our Home Families Tub"-it's sure to be a favorite! Thanks for your help!

Happy Learning,



1. Use the attached sheet to sing some of our name songs. Use your child's name first, then use our other school family member's names. Don't forget to use your home family's names!
2. Use the included letter tiles to make the names of our school family members. Make your home family's names. Make your favorite book character's names.
3. Use your home family's names or choose 3 other names from our school family. Write all the names on a sheet of paper—compare them. Which is longest/shortest, which has similar letters, etc.?
4. Write down names on strips of paper. Cut the letters apart, scramble them, then challenge yourself to put them back together again!
5. Look at all the letters in your name—brainstorm 3 other things that start with each letter. Try other names too!

What's in a Name?



Hickety Pickety Bumblebee,
can you say your name for me?
Say it, clap it, tap it, shout it, whisper it, etc.



Growl your name, howl your name,
stretch it till it's long!
Chant your name, pant your name,
sing it like a song.
Clap your name, snap your name,
say it loud and clear.
Spell your name, yell your name,
tell the world you're here!



Names are short, names are long.
Say your name and clap along!



There's someone in our family
that we all love,
and _____ is his/her name-o!
(Spell his/her name 3x)
and _____ is his/her name-o!



****Use these songs to start your activities!****