

Grade Level: K -Grade 1

Phonemic Awareness & Phonics

Target Skill: Identifying letters & Isolating Beginning Sounds

Find that Letter Sound!

Nature Search Game

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Gather students in an outdoor learning circle. Set out boundaries for the activity (eg. outdoor classroom area, stand of trees, playground, etc.).
2. Teacher holds up a letter card of a target letter.
3. Students identify the letter name and associated letter sound(s).
4. Students search within the boundaries for anything they can see that begins with the target letter sound(s).
5. Afterward, gather students back into circle and share findings. Have students repeat each finding aloud.
6. If available, record word list on a whiteboard so students can match the sound to the written word.
7. Repeat with additional target letters!

This is a great game for reviewing and consolidating the letters covered in your letter learning program!

EXTENSION/DIFFERENTIATION SUGGESTIONS:

- Repeat activity with ending or medial sounds.
- Repeat activity with blends or digraphs
- Distribute whiteboards and markers and have student use their inventive spelling skills to record the things find that begin with the target sound. Bring these back to the circle and share.