

Grade Level: K -Grade 1

Phonics & Phonemic Awareness

Target Skill: Identifying Letters & Sounds

Race to Find a Match!

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)
2. Hand out a variety of letter cards. Each student or small group receives their own letter.
3. Tell students that they must search within the boundaries for anything they can see that begins with their target letter sound. Finding a word that begins with their target letter is a match!
4. After finding something that matches their letter, students return to tell you their word and receive a new letter card.
5. Challenge students to complete a certain number of searches.

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

EXTENSION/DIFFERENTIATION SUGGESTIONS:

- Repeat activity with students searching instead for ending or medial sounds.
- Distribute whiteboards and markers and have student use their inventive spelling skills to record the things they find that begin with their target letter. Bring these back to the circle and share.