Presentation Title:

My Name is Alejandro! The Importance of Children’s Names to Cultural Identity and Early Literacy Development

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LIST OF CHILDREN’S LITERATURE THAT FEATURE NAMES

* Titles with asterisks are multicultural books.

~ Titles marked with a tilde (~) feature names in a manner that reinforces early literacy skills: name awareness, name writing, rhyming, sound awareness, alliteration, letter/sound association and ABC concepts, or other phonological awareness skills. Cultural identity may or may not be an additional focus of these texts.

Other titles relate to the idea of name, individual identity, petnames/nicknames, name origins etc.

Children’s Literature that Feature Names and Identity


**Other Name-Based Children’s Literature for Teaching Early Literacy Skills**


**PRACTITIONER ARTICLES AND BOOKS**


**SCHOLARLY REFERENCES**


INTERNET RESOURCES

Names and Cultural/Personal Identity Lesson Ideas

READWRITETHINK website – Acrostic Poems: All About Me and My Favorite Things


Scholastic Website – What’s in a Name? Back to School Literacy Unit (A. Zimmerman). This webpage offers lesson plan ideas for researching name origins, thematic read-alouds of books that feature children’s names, and creating of individual students’ name books. http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/post/what%E2%80%99s-name-back-school-literacy-unit

What’s In My Name? Lesson plan
http://schooltalkdev.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/groups/digitalhub/wiki/1cd1d/

Scholastic Website - Explore Your Culture Through Storytelling. In this lesson, students explore their cultural backgrounds and create a poetry book based on the George Ella Lyons poem, “Where I’m From” http://www.scholastic.com/browse/lessonplan.jsp?id=788

Critical Multicultural Awareness - Multicultural Pavilion website. This webpage describes a language arts activity where students write their naming stories and share as a group. The site provides some guidelines and suggestions for sharing. http://www.edchange.org/multicultural/activities/name.html

My Name is not Isabella! Lesson activities that accompany this children’s book by J. Fosberry (see book list) http://www.burkinsandyaris.com/back-to-school-lessons-and-titles-for-each-reading-standard-standard-9/

The Name Jar Lesson plan ideas

http://pbskids.org/lions//parentsteachers/pdf/RABC2-TheNameJar.pdf

Math-based lesson ideas using The Name Jar and other name-based literature.

Sites for researching the meaning behind names:

http://www.behindthename.com/

Early Literacy Lesson Plans and Activities with Children’s Names

READWRITETHINK Website - What’s in a name? Concepts of letters and words.
http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/what-name-teaching-concepts-37.html

READWRITETHINK Website - Name Talk: Exploring Letter-Sound Knowledge in the Primary Classroom
READWRITE THINK Website – *Using Songwriting to Build Awareness of Beginning Letter Sounds*
http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/using-songwriting-build-awareness-274.html

READWRITE THINK Website - *Playing Name Bingo with Chrysanthemum*

Name Bingo Lesson Plan http://www.uen.org/Lessonplan/preview.cgi?LPid=21398

Keen on Kindergarten website – *Learning with Names. Literature and early literacy stations ideas that feature children’s names*

Twiggle Magazine. Lesson activities to accompany the children’s book, *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten*  

http://linguistics.byu.edu/resources/lp/lplit28.html

Create class books that feature children’s names:
http://www.pre-kpages.com/classbooks/
http://www.kinderbykim.com/september.htm
Numerous Name-based Emergent Literacy activities on these links:
http://www.hubbardscupboard.org/abcs_and_names.html
http://fun-a-day.com/names-in-preschool/
http://handsonaswegrow.com/35-name-activities-for-preschoolers/
http://www.makinglearningfun.com/themepages/NameRecognitionTheme.htm
http://www.hummingbirded.com/name.htm
http://handsonaswegrow.com/35-name-activities-for-preschoolers/
http://rainbowswithinreach.blogspot.ca/2012/08/helper-charts-name-games.html
http://www.kidscount1234.com/name.html
http://readwithmeabc.blogspot.com/2013/08/b2s-name-activities.html

http://www.kinderkorner.com/names.html

http://www.pre-kpages.com/teaching-names-in-preschool/

http://www.jmeacham.com/name_game.htm  Investigate the individual links on this website

http://primarypointe.blogspot.com/2012/07/nine-nifty-name-activities.html  Another good website resource -- a few technology ideas like using the Graphic Organizer tool in Comic life to upload a picture, name, and other things related to a child.

www.wordle.com and www.tagxedo.com Use these word cloud generators using Children’s All About Me passages or Name poetry: http://www.makeandtakes.com/all-about-me-wordle-for-kids

See your name in Braille translator tool http://www.braillebug.org/thenamegame.asp

**Name Games, Songs, and Poems**

Raffi Song: *Like Me and You*. This song features children’s names and the places around the world where they come from; message of appreciation of diversity and commonality. This song is on the Raffi Concert album. Link to lyrics: http://lyrics.wikia.com/Raffi:Like_Me_And_You

Early Childhood circle time songs that build language and feature children’s names

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oEWkjVYhE6A

Lots of songs and poems on these websites:

http://www.kinderkorner.com/names.html

http://www.state.lib.la.us/empowerlibrary/songs%20about%20names.pdf

http://voices.yahoo.com/preschool-songs-spelling-names-2084264.html


*Who Took the Cookie from the Cookie Jar?* This book can be sung as a song/chant with different children’s names substituted into the song. http://supersimplelearning.com/songs/original-series/two/who-took-the-cookie/

This site has printable cookie templates, but the cookies are all the same. Consider having children design their own cookies and put them in a cookie jar. Children can design people-shaped gingerbread cookies with their own face and clothing. Cookies can also have photos of children’s faces and names. http://mrsgilchristsclass.blogspot.com/2011/08/who-stole-cookie-from-cookie-jar.html