

CONNECT TO THE CLASSROOM

Point Out Print

During the Point Out Print Toddler 1 video, the teacher invites children to identify letters in a book that she is reading while she links the letters to words that the children understand. Using a gentle, playful approach, she connects the beginning letters in the children's names that match letters in the title of the book.

Practice applying these strategies to point out print for children on your own:

- Before reading the book, look for **ways to link** the children's names to words in the title.
- **Gently** identify the letters using a **playful** conversation or game.
- Ask children if they recognize any of the letters and can point to them.

When you are finished reflect on the following questions:

1 How did the children connect to the letters? What did you say or do to help the children make connections?

2 What examples did you use with the children? How were these helpful in helping children make connections?

3 What specific questions did you ask about the letters in the book? How did these questions help the children link to their experiences with letters?

4 What was challenging? What can you do better next time? Try these next time.

