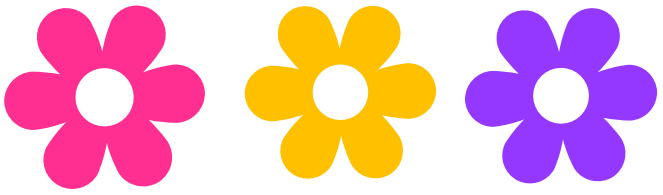
MY NAME FLOWER GARDEN

ART

USING EXPANSION TO DEVELOP COUNTING, LETTER RECOGNITION, AND FINE MOTOR SKILLS



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HOW MANY LETTERS ARE IN YOUR NAME?

THINK ABOUT . . .

This activity helps your child practice counting, letter recognition, and fine motor skills! Each of these skills are important in developing their foundation for academic success. Create a beautiful piece of art that your child will be proud of, while also targeting academic skills that he or she will continue to use in their future. Use the LSL strategy of expansion to add rich language for your child to hear.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- My Name Flower Garden PDF
- Colored paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Markers

ACTIVITY

1- Explain to your child that they are going to plant their name in a flower garden.
2- Write your child's name on the front of the planter and then count the number of letters in their name.
3- Have your child count out the number of flowers they will need for their name.
4- Use expansion by expanding on what your child has said. Child: "four"! You: "You have four letters in your name"!
5- Let your child cut out the number of flowers they will need for their name.
6- After they cut their flowers, let your child write the letters of his or her name on each of the flowers.
7- They will then "plant" their flowers by gluing them into their planter.

PREPARATION:

1- Print out the My Name Flower Garden PDF
2- Set materials on the table

VOCABULARY:

- Flower(s)
- Cut
- Petals
- Plant
- Letter
- Count
- Planter
- Garden

HELPFUL TIPS:

- Print out enough flowers for your child's name.
- You can let your child draw each of the flowers instead of using the pre-made flowers. This will strengthen their fine motor skills and promote their creative ideas.

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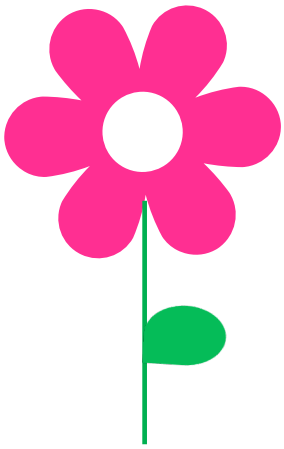

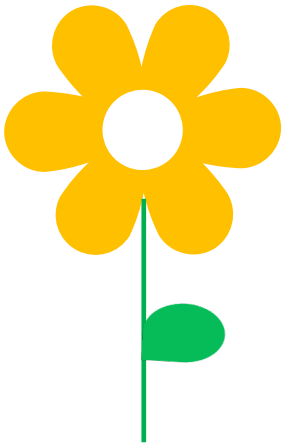

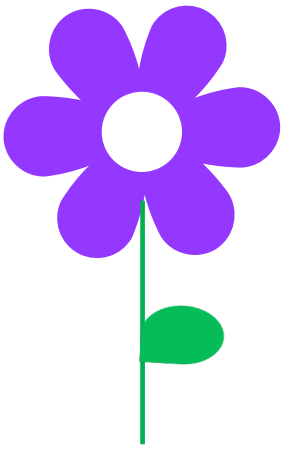

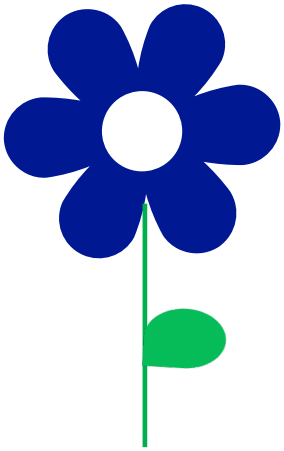

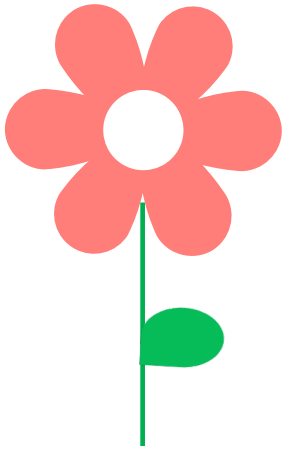

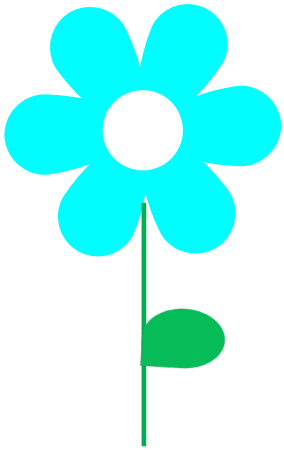

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