Name Puzzle Scramble

Category: Language | Ages: 4–6 | Time: 10 min | Prep: 2–3 minutes | Mess: Low | Indoor

Why it matters

Recognize and order the letters in your child's own name using paper tiles. In US preschool and kindergarten classrooms, teachers look for hands-on curiosity, comfortable focus for 10–15 minutes, and the confidence to try new ideas out loud. Practicing letter recognition, left-to-right tracking, and name familiarity through relaxed play builds lasting readiness without worksheet pressure.

Materials checklist

[ ] Paper squares with each letter of your child's name written clearly

Step-by-step instructions

1. Write your child's name on a strip as a guide, and write each letter on separate squares.
2. Mix up the letter squares on the table.
3. Invite your child to match each letter square underneath the guide from left to right.
4. Pause to ask your child what they noticed or enjoyed most about this part of the quest.
5. Tidy up the materials together as a calm finish—practicing classroom-ready clean-up habits!

What to say

- "Let's take our time and see what happens when we try Name Puzzle Scramble together!"
- "I noticed how carefully you focused on each step—what should we try next?"
- "Can you teach me how you did that?"

Notes & observations: