

Family Activities



Readiness Skill: Recognizes familiar print from surroundings

The familiar words children see in their surroundings are often referred to as environmental print. Environmental print is the first introduction most children have to reading. This print comes in many forms including restaurant signage, supermarket logos, and breakfast food labels.

Label Collage Alphabet Book

For this activity you will need to save your old labels from food packages, wrappers, cereal boxes, canned goods, etc. You will also need to staple sheets of paper together to make a book. Work with your child to cut out and sort the product labels you've collected into like groups. For example, you could choose to sort all of labels that begin with the letter "Mm" into a group or the labels that begin with the letter "Ss" into another group. Using glue, attach the product labels to each page of the book you've made and label it with a marker or crayon accordingly. Practice "reading" the alphabet collage book you've made with your child by pointing to each word as it is read aloud. Place the book in your child's collection of books to enjoy again and again.



Print in My World Matching Game

Provided with this print activity you will find an environmental game board and matching game pieces. Place the matching game pieces you've cut apart face down on the table. Encourage your child to select a game piece and find the matching word or logo on the game board. Be sure to help your child "read" each word or logo as it is placed on the game board. Praise your child for a job well done once all matching pieces are placed on the game board. Save the game pieces and game board to practice again and again.



Words are Everywhere Activities

Help your child recognize print in his or her surroundings by doing the simple things outlined below.

- Point out the various forms of written materials in your home such as newspapers, magazines, food and other product labels.
- Help your child notice the words that can be found in the environment as you are riding in the car such as billboards, traffic signs, and restaurant logos.
- Allow your child to help you write a grocery list or other to do list. Be sure to talk about the names of the letters and words as you write them.
- Give your child print materials to use in their pretend play activities such as department store catalogues, restaurant menus, ticket stubs, grocery store circulars, phone books, junk mail, etc.



Environmental Print Books

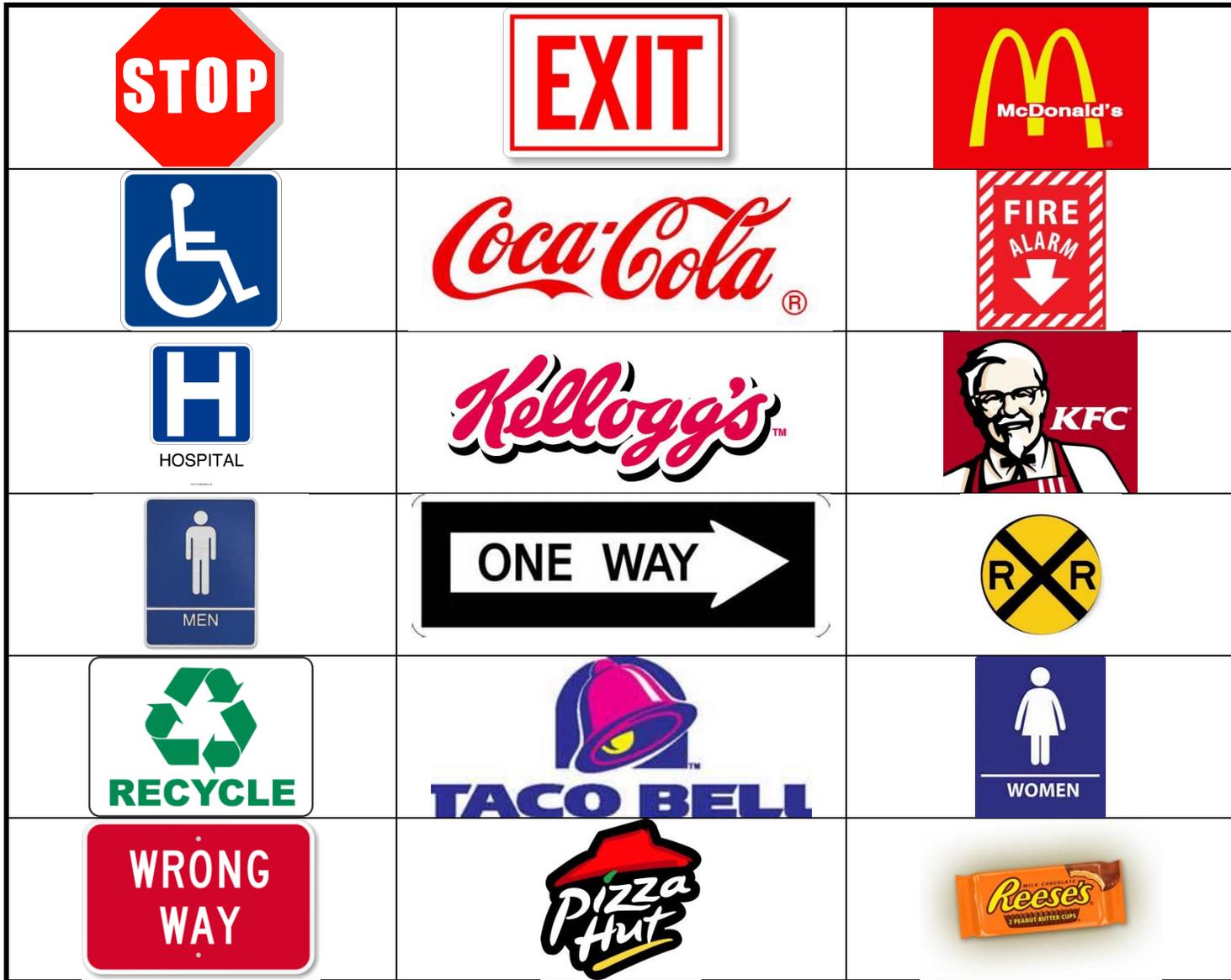
Many books that reinforce environmental print concepts can be found at your local public library.



City Signs by Zoran Milich
I Read Signs by Tana Hoban
I Read Symbols by Tana Hoban
School Bus by Donald Crews
Signs by Susan Canizares
Signs at the Store by Mary Hill

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GAME BOARD



Directions: Mix up and place the matching game piece cards face down on the table. Invite your child to take a game piece card, "read" it and then place it on the game board with its matching logo. Continue until all logos have been matched. Repeat.

Print in My World Matching Game Pieces

