



I Am Special

It's wonderful to watch children form their own identities as they become aware of who they are, what they can do, and how they fit in to the larger world of friends and family. In this popular theme, you'll focus on children's unique qualities and capabilities with activities that highlight and celebrate their accomplishments. Children grow more confident in their abilities as they become aware of their many successes, no matter how small. So . . . make children feel special by giving them the chance to say "I can do it all by myself!"

My Name

Write each child's name in permanent marker on a large index card and attach a magnetic strip to the back.

Place all the cards in a basket.

Tell children that there is something special for each of them in the basket, and invite them to find it. Help children recognize the spellings of their names.

When children have found their names, have them trace over the letters in their names with glue. Provide a variety of collage materials, such as dried beans, glitter, colored sand, confetti, and dyed rice and pasta. Let children select the materials they like and sprinkle them over the glue. Let dry and have children take them home to display on their refrigerators.

