

# Summer Reading Activities



	<b>First Grade – Activity #4</b>
<b>Title</b>	Puzzle Word
<b>Parent Information</b>	<p>Building and constructing words helps students apply letter/sound knowledge and develop word awareness skills. It also supports many early literacy skills including spelling, writing, and vocabulary.</p> <p>Providing opportunities for children to investigate and play with words helps them identify and make sense of patterns. This activity can be repeated often and is a fun and challenging way to engage your early reader.</p>
<b>Objective</b>	Build words and unscramble the “puzzle word”
<b>Time</b>	10-15 minutes
<b>Materials</b>	Paper and pencil, word cards
<b>Procedures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose a word with 7-9 letters (ex. planted) that will be the “puzzle word”.</li> <li>• Write the letters in a scrambled order on a piece of paper for your child (ex. l t p e d a n). Letter cards may also be used so your child can move and manipulate the letters if needed.</li> <li>• Ask your child to use the letters to make as many words as they can from the letters.</li> <li>• The words can vary in length and the letters can be reused to make new words (ex. a, at, an, pat, pen, pet, and, ate, plan, land).</li> <li>• The letters may not be used more than one time in a single word (ex. tall).</li> <li>• Encourage your child to find the final “puzzle word” that uses all the letters.</li> <li>• Challenge your child by setting a time limit or count and compare the number of words you can find each time.</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Resources and Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play other games where students need to build words from a set of letters such as Boggle™ or Scrabble™.</li> <li>• Offer opportunities for your child to be the teacher and come up with the “puzzle word” along with a master list of word options. Allow them to give you a “puzzle word” to figure out. Compare and discuss your word lists.</li> </ul>