

# A Letter to Families

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**Send families a letter introducing the study. Use the letter to communicate with families and as an opportunity to invite their participation in the study.**

## Dear Families,

We've noticed the children showing interest in the different kinds of signs that we see around our community and school. The children are curious about what letters and words they see on signs, what those signs mean, and how they are used. We think a study of signs will be a great opportunity for children to explore their ideas.

We need your help to get our study started. If you can, your help in gathering materials related to signs would be valuable in supporting our investigations. We need a variety of materials for the children to explore and use to make their own signs such as cardboard, scrap paper, fabric, and stencils. If you have any books or pictures related to signs, we'd love to borrow those, too. Below is a list of suggested items, but feel free to send other items that would enhance our exploration. Please label your items with your name so we can return them to you at the end of the study. We promise to take good care of them! Also, please let us know if any member of your family works with signs (e.g., printer, crossing guard, sign language interpreter) and would like to share their expertise with the class. We would love to arrange a time for you to join us in our investigations.

Toy signs	Flashlights	Whistles
Cardboard	Books about signs or	Paint rollers
Cardstock	sign language	<b>Pictures and Videos</b>
Scrap paper	Fabric	Interesting signs
Magnetic letters and	Stickers	from other places
boards	Paint	Signs in your
Magazines that have	Stencils	community
pictures of signs	Board games with	People using signs
Clean, empty	signs	
food packages		

## What You Can Do at Home

Talk with your child about signs that you see around your neighborhood. Point out street signs, traffic signs, and signs you see at any stores that you visit. Talk about what they look like and compare the colors, shapes, and words that you see. Read the signs with your children and talk about what information the signs are communicating and how some signs help keep you safe.

At the end of the study, we will have a special event to show you what we've learned. Thank you for participating in our learning.