## Enduring Understanding(s):

- Families share experiences, traditions, and activities that can be represented through artistic expression.


## Essential Question(s):

- How do you most effectively communicate your thoughts, feelings, and traditions?


## Materials

- Peter's Chair
- Oonga Boonga/Crybaby
- laminated tag or poster board
- laminated letter tiles
- double-sided tape or Velcro


## Vocabulary

- letter: a symbol representing a speech sound
- match: a pair
- same: equal in size, shape, value, or importance
- different: not of the same kind; partly or totally unlike

Books


## Procedure

Preparation: Make 3-4 poster-size boards with 6 letters in a column on one side and a space to attach matching letters on the other side. Each board should have a different assortment of letters. Create letter tiles to match mounted letters (see Resources).

Point out letters in names of characters from Oonga Boonga/Crybaby and Peter's Chair ("Peter's name begins with the letter ' P ").

Tell children they will match letters. Model looking through the assortment of letter tiles, finding a match, and adhering it to the corresponding letter on the board. Model naming letters as you find and match them ("This is an ' $A$. ' $A$ ' like in Alvin's name. It matches with this ' $A$ ' on the poster board. I'll stick it next to the ' $A$ '.")

If children do not match letters correctly, draw their attention to the features of the letter ("This letter ' $B$ ' is a straight line with two curves on this side and this letter ' $P$ ' has just one. They also make different sounds.") Record letters and letter sounds children identify.

Depending on children's ability, limit to letters in their name, high-frequency letters, or lowercase in addition to uppercase.


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