

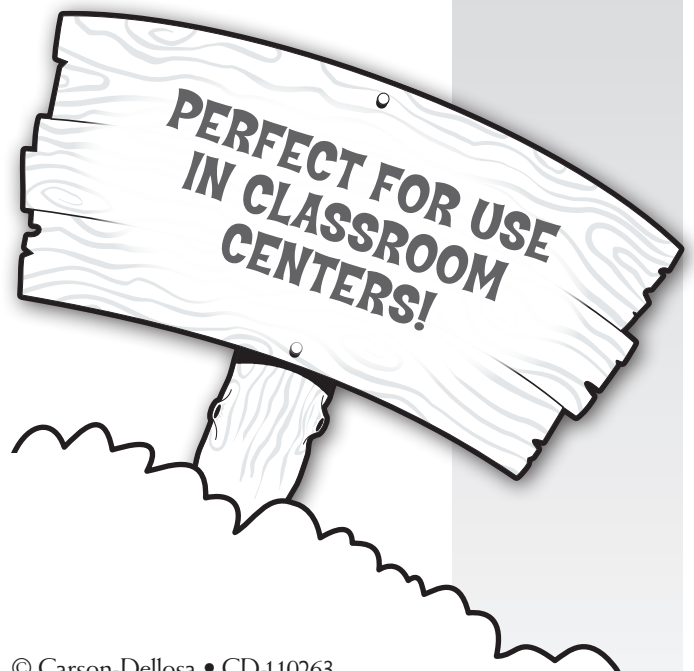
Colorful Owls Alphabet

MINI BULLETIN BOARD RESOURCE GUIDE



Putting It TOGETHER

- Laminate the Colorful Owls Alphabet Mini Bulletin Board for durability.
- The Colorful Owls Alphabet Mini Bulletin Board can be displayed on a bulletin board or at centers around the classroom.
- Use copies of the badge and bookmark patterns (page 4) as incentives and rewards for students.



Language Arts

Letter Hunt Cut apart the Colorful Owls Alphabet Mini Bulletin Board letters. Randomly distribute all or some of the letters, and have students walk around the room to find objects that begin with their letters. Make this a class project in which students earn points for each object found. Variation: Have younger students look for a specific letter in the classroom's environmental print. Have older students write lists of objects in the room that begin with their letters.

Letter Cards Have students practice letter formation and handwriting skills by tracing the letters on the alphabet pieces using their fingers or write-on/wipe-away markers. This activity can be incorporated into an existing lesson, set up as a center, or used for students having difficulties with letter formation and identification.

Hands-On Alphabet Give each student a magazine, scissors, glue, and a sentence strip or construction paper. Have her cut out one letter and two images for each letter of the alphabet and glue the letters and images in the correct order. Allow students to keep their alphabet strips at their desks for reference.

Alphabet Alliterations Place the Colorful Owls Alphabet Mini Bulletin Board at a center. Instruct each student to choose one letter and write a sentence using the object(s) on the corresponding alphabet piece. Encourage each student to use as many words as she can think of that begin with her letter. For example, *Irwin was interested when he identified an ill iguana ingesting ice cream.*

Build a Spelling Word Place the Colorful Owls Alphabet Mini Bulletin Board at a center with a current spelling list. Allow students to use the alphabet pieces to aid in the practice of writing each spelling word multiple times.

Word Wall Cut apart the Colorful Owls Alphabet Mini Bulletin Board to create a word wall. Place each cut-up alphabet piece on a wall or bulletin board. Write vocabulary or spelling words that begin with each letter on sentence strips or sheets of construction paper. Place the words under the correct letter. Encourage students to use the word wall daily to practice words.

Math

Secret Code Post a number line under the Colorful Owls Alphabet Mini Bulletin Board (A = 1, B = 2, C = 3, through Z = 26). Have students use the numbers to write secret messages. Have students exchange their messages with each other and decode them. Variation: Vary the code for older students by labeling letters by 2s or 5s.

I Want to Buy a Letter Underneath each letter on the alphabet pieces, place an index card labeled with a monetary value (A = 1 cent, B = 2 cents, through Z = 26 cents). Direct each student to write her name or a spelling word on a sheet of paper and find how much it would cost if she had to buy each letter. Challenge each student to find the most expensive word in the room.

Art

Make a Scene Assign each student a letter of the alphabet. On a sheet of construction paper, have her write her letter in the middle of the paper. Instruct her to draw a scene using one of the two objects from her Colorful Owls Alphabet Mini Bulletin Board alphabet piece and other items with names that begin with that letter. Have students share their scenes with classmates.