CLAYTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Family Literacy Activity

That's Not My Name

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A story about names, identity, respect, and belonging.



Celebrate our names, our stories, and what makes each of us special!

WHY THIS MATTERS

That's Not My Name helps children understand the importance of saying and spelling names correctly, respecting each person's identity, and celebrating the unique stories, cultures, and backgrounds that make our community special.



ACTIVITY 1: NAME EXPLORATION (K-5)

Talk with your child about their name.

- What does your name mean?
- Who chose your name?
- Is there a special story behind it?
- How do you feel when people say your name correctly?

My Name Story

ACTIVITY 2: I AM PROUD OF ME (K-2)

Help your child complete a simple sentence about themselves. They can draw a picture and share with your family.

- I am _____.
- I like _____.
- I am good at _____.
- My family is special because _____.



ACTIVITY 3: MY NAME, MY DESIGN (K-5)

Get creative! Have your child design their name in a special way.

- Use crayons, markers, or colored pencils to decorate their name.
- Add colors, symbols, or pictures that show their interests, culture, or personality.

My Name Design

ACTIVITY 4: TALK ABOUT IT (K-5)

Use these questions to start a family conversation:

- How did the main character feel when people didn't say her name correctly?
- Why is it important to pronounce people's names correctly?
- How can we show respect for people's names and identities?



ACTIVITY 5: FAMILY NAME QUILT (K-5)

Create a family poster or "Name Quilt" together!

- Write each family member's name.
- Add a word or drawing that represents each person (e.g., a hobby, strength, or somsthing they love).
- Display it at home to celebrate your family's unique story!

Our Family Name Quilt

FAMILY CONNECTION

- Share the meaning or origin of your family's last name.
- Talk about how names can reflect culture, heritage, or family traditions.
- Celebrate the unique names in your family, classroom, and community.



LITERACY TIP

- Read the book together and pause to talk about the illustrations and the character's feelings.
- Encourage your child to share their own thoughts and experiences.
- Use this story to build empathy, respect, and appreciation for the names and identities of others.



Be proud. Be kind. Be you. Your name matters!