



TOWER GROVE
— PARK —

NATURE LETTERS



OVERVIEW

Practice letter recognition and repetition with this fun hands-on activity that can be done in the Park or in your own backyard. The base of this activity is simple and there are many variations that can be used to suit the level and needs of your learner.

AGE

2-7

MATERIALS

- *Letter cards* (download)
- Nature

SPECIAL NOTE

Please be respectful when interacting with nature in the Park. Be cautious not to disturb the habitats of plants or animals. Please be careful when observing unknown plants or animals as they may be harmful. Thank you for doing your part to maintain the integrity of the Park.



VARIATIONS

- Collect outside materials (leaves, pebbles, acorns, sweet gum balls, and so forth). Depending on skill level of your learner:
 - Follow the letter by placing items on top of the letter card. Really young learners will like placing the items on top of card or may be better adept at shapes.
 - Replicate the letter with the items on a surface next to the letter card.
 - Make letters freeform from memory and only use letter card as a reference.
- Create a letter book using outside materials. Use glue to secure items to letter card.
 - Have learner trace created letters with finger to enact tactile learning.
 - When finding objects for the letters, try to find objects whose first letter matches the letter. For instance, the letter /f/ could be made using flowers, the letter /g/ could be made using grass, the letter /p/ could be made using pebbles, and so forth.
- Don't let the Saint Louis rains get you down, find a muddy spot, stick or some type of writing instrument, and draw letters on the ground.

COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

Please share your feedback! Tell me about your successes, failures, or possibly new variations you have come up with. Email the Education Coordinator at lsawyer@towergrovepark.org.