

Name Tag Glyph

This activity is a good one for the beginning days of school when teachers are trying to get to know students' names. Students will need oak tag or other card stock paper and crayons or markers to create their name tag. Completed name tags may be taped to student desks or carried from class to class. Large tent cards are easiest, but blank cardstock will work.

- Hold tent card landscape and fold it horizontally.
- Before writing the name on the nametag do the following two things:
 - What is your position in the family?
 - Oldest – write your name in red
 - Youngest – write your name in green
 - Middle – write your name in black
 - Only Child – write your name in blue
 - Are you new to the school?
 - Yes – write in cursive
 - No - write in manuscript
- Draw the following symbol on your name tag to indicate the month in which you were born:

January – snowman	July – sailboat
February – heart	August – sun
March – kite	September – apple
April – umbrella	October – pumpkin
May – flower	November – turkey
June – school with a ☹	December – holly leaf
- Think about both of these before putting the border on your name tag:
 - On which day of the month were you born? – Put that many dots in the border of your name tag
 - How many siblings do you have? – Color a line around the edge of your border as follows:

0 – green	1 - blue	2 – purple	3 – yellow	4+ - red
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Activities to use with glyphs:

- * Collect the glyphs and give to students at random. Ask students to interpret the information.
- * Post the glyphs for Back to School Night with the key and let parents see if they can decipher the information.
- * Create a birthday graph or chart for the class using the nametags.