**My Name**

**Materials:** Paint stir stick & paint color samples, 2 of each color (get them free at a local hardware store), clothes pins, marker or crayons, scissors, glue.

**What you will do:** Help your child color the stir stick their favorite color. As they color the stick talk about the letters that make up that color they are using. Cut the paint color samples into squares. One color per letter and two squares of the same letter, one for the paint stick and one for the clothes pin. Using a marker or crayon write each letter of your child’s name in each of the squares. Describe the shape and sound of each letter as you write it. Have your child put some glue on the paint stick and and then place each letter on top. Next, help them glue the second set of letter on the clothes pins. When the glue has dried, help your child match the letters on the clothes pins to the ones on the paint stick. To continue matching letter you can walk around the house and clip the clothes pins to items starting with that letter.

*This activity will help with letter recognition, letter sound awareness, and small motor skills that will help strengthen finger muscles useful for writing.*