

Appendix IV: One way to create a Name Chart

It is a good idea to start the Name Chart on the first or second day of school as you will be using this important classroom resource extensively in Shared Reading, Interactive Writing and Writing Workshop.

Materials needed: chart paper, colored markers

- Explain that you are going to make a list of the names of all the children in the class so that we can learn to read and write them.
- Tell the children that you are going to write their names in the order of the abc's: a then b then c... Connect this learning to your use of the *abc* chart which comes with most reading programs.
- Ask, "Does anyone's name start with A?" Tell the child if he/she doesn't know the initial letter of his/her name.
- Invite the child to choose which color he/she would like for the first letter, "the capital one". Write the other letters in black. Read the child's name.
- Write any other "A" names. Read each name as you add it.
- Go on to B names and continue through the alphabet until you have three or four names on the chart.
- Add more names each day. Be sure to include your own name.