



The children will make family collages with photos brought from home. This activity helps them develop an appreciation of their own families and in their understanding of the similarities and differences among families. By displaying the posters, the children will celebrate family diversity. Finally, if they get homesick, the children can easily view their loved ones in photos!

# Family Collage Poster

Skills Learned: Language / Literacy Skills, Creativity / Play, Pride in Themselves, Appreciation of Diversity, Coping Skills



## Directions

- 1 Talk with the children about what makes a family — people who love and care for you. Help them understand there are lots of different kinds of families (some families may have a mom and a dad, some only a mom or grandfather etc.). Remind them that pets are part of a family too!
- 2 Read a book that talks about diverse families — such as *Families are Different* by Nina Pelligrini.
- 3 Send a note home with the children asking for photos of family members. Explain that they will not be cut up but will be pasted onto construction paper. (Perhaps parents would like to make color copies.)
- 4 Show the children how to glue their pictures onto their construction paper.
- 5 Ask the children to tell you descriptions or stories of the people in the photos. Write their stories under the photos.
- 6 Discuss each collage with the group and encourage the children to ask questions.
- 7 Hang the posters in a place where everyone can see them (at children's eye level).

**Tips For Mixed Ages:** Infants and toddlers will enjoy hearing stories about families. 3's can do this project with assistance from an adult. 4's - 5's can work more independently. All ages will enjoy having photos of loved ones in the classroom.

## Supplies

- ★ Family photos representing each child's family.
- ★ Colored construction paper 12" x 18"
- ★ Glue sticks



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