



Small Groups:

Dough Letters (*Independent*)

Standard Connection:

ELA.RL.PK4.4

ELA.W.PK4.6

M.MD.PK4.1

M.MD.PK4.2

S.PS.PK4.3a

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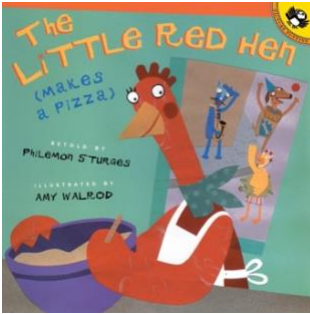
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Enduring Understanding(s):

- Friends usually share and help one another.

Essential Question(s):

- How can you find the resources, strategies, and people to solve your problems?

Materials	Vocabulary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>The Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza)</i>alphabet letter cards for the first letter of each child's namechildren's name cardsvocabulary word picture cardsdough (Play-Doh, pretzel dough)rolling pin	<p>alphabet: set of letters or symbols in a fixed order that represent the basic sounds of a language</p> <p>letter: a symbol representing a speech sound</p> <p>word: a sound or combination of sounds that has a meaning</p> <p>name: word or phrase that refers to a specific person</p> <p>roll: to turn over and over</p> <p>pinch: squeeze between thumb and forefinger</p> <p>pull: to stretch outward</p> <p>squeeze: press together</p> <p>stretch: to make longer by pulling</p>
Books	
	

Procedure

Preparation: Set up materials.

Procedure: Show illustrations in *The Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza)* of the hen kneading and **rolling** dough to make her pizza. Explain that children will be using a different kind of dough (Play-Doh or pretzel dough) to practice making **letters**, their **names**, and other **words**.

Model **rolling** a ball of dough with the palm of your hand so it becomes long and thin. Encourage children to **pinch**, **pull**, **squeeze**, and **stretch** the dough.

Model using the dough to 'trace' or make a **letter** on a **letter** card or a child's **name** card. As children **roll** out the dough and make **letters** and **words**, say aloud the **names** of the **letters**, and model blending **letter** sounds together.

Guiding Questions

- What kinds of lines (curved, straight, etc.) are you using to form letters?
- Who else in the classroom has the same letters in their name as your name?
- Who has a long/short name in the group? How do you know?
- What other words from *The Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza)* have the same letters as the ones in your name?