Oviparous Animals Name-Letter Match

Puzzles & Manipulatives
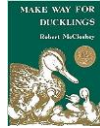
Materials:
- *Make Way for Ducklings*
- *Chickens Aren't The Only Ones*
- Oviparous Animals resource
- thick paper or tag board
- basket or box to store game
- trays

Vocabulary:
- nest
- egg
- oviparous
- match
- animal names

Preparation: Set up materials. Copy the images onto thick paper or tagboard.

Intro to Centers:
"In *Make Way for Ducklings* Mrs. Mallard constructed a **nest**. What do you notice?"

Show illustrations. Children respond.

"Mrs. Mallard needed a place to hatch her **eggs.** Here are images of other **oviparous--egg** laying-animals. animals. What do you notice?"

Show images. Children respond.

"Alligators/ insects/ fish, etc. also lay eggs and construct nests like ducks, but their **eggs** are different sizes, shapes, and colors."

"Today in Puzzles & Manipulatives, you can match the beginning letters with animal names."

Show materials. Model.

During Centers:
Encourage children to describe their strategies. Adjust number of pictures and letter cards to children's level.

Guiding Questions during Centers:
- How did you know that the letter a matched the picture of the alligator?
- What is the beginning sound of snake...s-nake. the/s/sound is represented by the letter s. Can you find that letter?
- Can you think of other oviparous animals?

Thinking & Feedback: Invite children to share their processes. Encourage children to describe the challenges they might have encountered.

Documentation: Collect samples of the children's work as well as photographs and/or video of their process; use the documentation to launch a discussion during Thinking and Feedback.

Provocation:
Encourage children to draw pictures of oviparous animals, and write the first letters of their names.
Take a walk around the neighborhood and photograph oviparous animals/nests/eggs.
Use photographs to create puzzles and add to Puzzles & Manipulatives.