



Early Childhood Teacher Guide for:

Crossword Blocks Game

The Ingenio Bilingual Crossword Block Game can be played independently or in small groups. Suggestions for using the game in collaborative play are also provided. Not all states have pre-K learning standards. We have chosen standards that can be found in New Jersey and/or Pennsylvania for pre-K and Kindergarten, and the national Head Start Child Outcomes framework. Using large motor activity in conjunction with early literacy exploration gives children a variety of experiences using different learning modalities to learn about the alphabet and spelling. More advanced learners can use new words in context which helps children learn to pronounce and use the words with the correct meaning.

Home connections: Have extra sets of this game available in your home/school library so families can borrow them to practice spelling, vocabulary and English/Spanish skills at home.

Teacher reflections: Did all of the children learn the needed concepts in both languages? When should these activities be repeated? What other concepts and standards have been supported by using this game?