Environmental Print Puzzle

Materials needed:

- Empty food boxes
- Scissors
- Plastic baggies for storage of puzzle pieces

Cut off the front of empty food boxes- cereal, macaroni and cheese, crackers, etc. Cut the box front into 4-6 puzzle pieces (depending on the size of the box front). Have your child put the puzzle pieces together to re-create the box front. After the puzzle is put together ask your child to point to letters in the puzzle and say their name (or you can point to letters and ask them what they are). You can glue the pieces on paper and make a book of environmental print signs.

Skills to learn:

- problem solving
- letter identification
- sight word recognition
- shapes and colors can be identified as well

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