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Monthly Oogalie Googalie Detectives

The letters/numbers or skills look like their eyes & the strips hanging down look like their legs!

It's almost like a game so it's extra fun!

Plus they cover an assortment of skills.

Your students will LOVE these! Mine do. 😊

Materials:

- Appropriate colored construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Crayons
- Optional: Seam ripper

Directions:

1. Run off masters
2. Decide if you want to work on numbers, letters, colors or shapes, and run off those strips. I've also included the -at & -an family as well as some other vowel + consonant endings on a short strip.
3. Plus I've given you a sheet of blank strips if you want to do equations on one, and answers on the other, or blends etc.
4. As a special gift in September for little ones, you could make one with the letters of each child's name so that they can learn how to spell their name as well as learn how to identify the letters in it too.
5. I make an extra one for September and laminate it. One strip has their school picture on it, the other has their name.
6. I type their names in Times New Roman #23 pica. That will fit 9-10 letters in a name depending on the letters.
7. The first time around we sit on our Circle of Friends carpet and they find their picture and then find their name on the other strip.
8. It's a fun way for them to learn how to recognize their name. Later, my students are reading all of their friend's names.
9. When they are first learning shapes in September and October, I do two of the same strips. I say: Make circle eyes on your Apple/pumpkin and then I go around and check to make sure that everyone has slid both strips to circles.

10. Later, we insert the word wall word strip to match shape to word or the clip art strip to match “thing” to solid shape. i.e. window to square.
11. If you think of a fun way to use OG’s, **please share with us.**
12. I tell my students that they are going to make an Oogalie Googalie Detective (OG or Ooo Goo for short.) ☺ to help solve a mystery and find missing mates so they can match them!
13. Children cut out the main parts.
14. I have the add on’s and insert strips pre-cut.
15. To save time, I also have the slits pre-cut.
16. An easy way to pre-cut the slits is to use a **seam ripper**. Go slow so you don’t over shoot; if you do, just put a piece of tape on the back. Slit your lines just a tad longer than the master lines so that the strips pull through easily.
17. I laminate my O.G.’s so I can use them as demonstration models.
18. I keep them by my story telling chair. They are a nice way to review concepts too.
19. Children can either color in the face with crayons or cut and glue them on.
20. Write name somewhere on the OG. I put it on the leaf for the apple, the stem for the pumpkin, the top for the acorn etc. Wherever it looks best.
21. They can also add some high light details with crayons if you want. Like on the apple’s leaf and pumpkin’s stem etc.
22. My Young Fives needed assistance inserting the strips the first few months, so when they complete their OG they bring it to me and I help them.
23. **TIP:** I save the side scrap of the strip paper that I run off to glue a small “stopper” strip to the top & bottom of their sliders. It keeps them from pulling them out.
24. **Tip:** Use the blank strips to add at least one square to the beginning and end of the strips so that the first squares line up with the eye windows and the last squares don’t pull out.
25. After everyone is done, I whole group assess and call on children to ask us to become detectives and help solve the mystery by locating the missing mates and making matches! This all makes it more fun!
26. If you’re using the long ABC strips, FOLD them once so they can manipulate them better, or have them sit on the floor so they have more room.
27. Remind them to go slow so they don’t tear their strips.

28. Play 'til everyone has a turn, you run out of time, or you've covered the material.
29. I tell my students to play Oogalie Googalie Detective with their families when they get home, and include a note about this in my newsletters as well.
30. I fold the long ABC strips for them and paperclip them to their OG so they don't get torn in their backpack.
31. I do one each month. But you can pick and choose which ones you want to use. Enjoy! ☺
32. After children get adept at these standards and don't really need OG's as learning tools, I use them as "Speed" games.
33. We see who can match the fastest. This gets them ready for those timed tests and Mad-Minute Math games in upper grades.