

# Welcome

Activity Book



# Bringing the Buzz to You!

The Buzzword Pittsburgh partners designed this kit to inspire your family to keep learning together. We chose activities that build on your child's natural curiosity, encouraging a growing vocabulary and a deeper engagement with books.

So...are you ready to get buzzing? First, read through **All Are Welcome** with your child. Then, go through the different activities, experiments, and ideas together, taking time to explain the meaning of the words and connecting them to your child's real-life experiences.

"We're part of a community.  
Our strength is our diversity.  
A shelter from adversity.  
All are welcome here."

We know school may look, feel, and be a little different this year, but as the authors write in this story, we are all part of a community and our differences are actually our strengths. If we work together, we can overcome hard things. All are welcome. How can you find ways to welcome people different than you?

For more resources, visit [www.BuzzwordPGH.org/Welcome](http://www.BuzzwordPGH.org/Welcome) for live workshops and more book recommendations for this Buzzword Box!



## Welcome Song with ASL

### Materials Needed: Your body and voice

Follow along to this Welcome Song with a video at [www.buzzwordpgh.org/welcome](http://www.buzzwordpgh.org/welcome)

### Lyrics:

Hello friends  
Hello friends  
Hello friends  
It's time to say hello!

Goodbye friends  
Goodbye friends  
Goodbye friends  
It's time to say goodbye



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# Welcome Banners

**Materials:** Colorful triangle pennants, Scissors, Sticky back foam , Colored pencils, 2" wood block, Stamp pad, Plastic tapestry needle, String, Hole puncher

**Step 1:** Cut your foam sheet into approximately 2 inch squares. You can trace the outline of your wood block on the foam to create a 2 inch square.

**Step 2:** Use your colored pencils or a pen to create a drawing on the foam squares. You will have to apply a little bit of pressure. You can also cut your foam into different shapes. **Tip:** If you want to make stamps with letters, you will have to draw the letter backwards because stamps print reverse images.

**Step 3:** When you are finished designing your stamps, peel the backing off the foam shapes and stick to wood block to create your own stamps!

**Step 4:** Gently press your stamp down into your ink pad and then onto your pennants to decorate them.

**Step 5:** You can add more decoration to your pennants by adding words or drawings with colored pencils.

**Step 6:** Grab your string and plastic needle. Weave the string in and out of the holes you punched in your pennants—this will hold your banner together. **Tip:** Lay out your pennants in the order you would like before stringing together.

**Step 7:** You can use the string alone, or use the tapestry needle to help sew the string through the holes on your pennants.

**Step 8:** Once you string together all your pennants, you can tie a knot close to the first and last pennant to make sure the pennants don't slide off the string.

**Step 9:** Hang your banner somewhere special and continue to spread kindness!



# Engineer a Welcome Sign

**Materials:** Popsicle sticks, construction paper, tape, glue, scissors, crayons/markers

Use the materials provided to design your own 'Welcome' sign.

**Step 1:** Lay out the popsicle sticks in whatever shape you would like your sign to be. Design a square, rectangle, triangle, or even a heart!

**Step 2:** Use tape or glue to attach the popsicle sticks together building a frame.

**Step 3:** With help from an adult, cut the construction paper into the shape you designed for your sign.

**Step 4:** Using tape or glue, attach the construction paper to the popsicle stick frame.

**Step 5:** Use crayons, markers, and whatever else you can find to decorate your 'Welcome' sign!



# All Together Now

## Materials: Shaker egg

Follow along with the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust at [www.buzzwordpgh.org/welcome](http://www.buzzwordpgh.org/welcome)

Let's do creative movements that include every member of your household or just two family members! We will use handheld shaker eggs to keep time. We'll use our dance to develop spatial coordination that uses both sides of the brain. We'll also learn civility and graciousness in dance - a cornerstone of social cohesion around the world.

**Step One:** Gather everyone in a circle or get a partner and stand directly across from one another.

**Step Two:** Make a movement that is the same, mirroring one another.

**Step Three:** Now make a move that is different from the person across from you.

**Step Four:** Follow Ms. Celeta to create a three part dance using different and same movements!

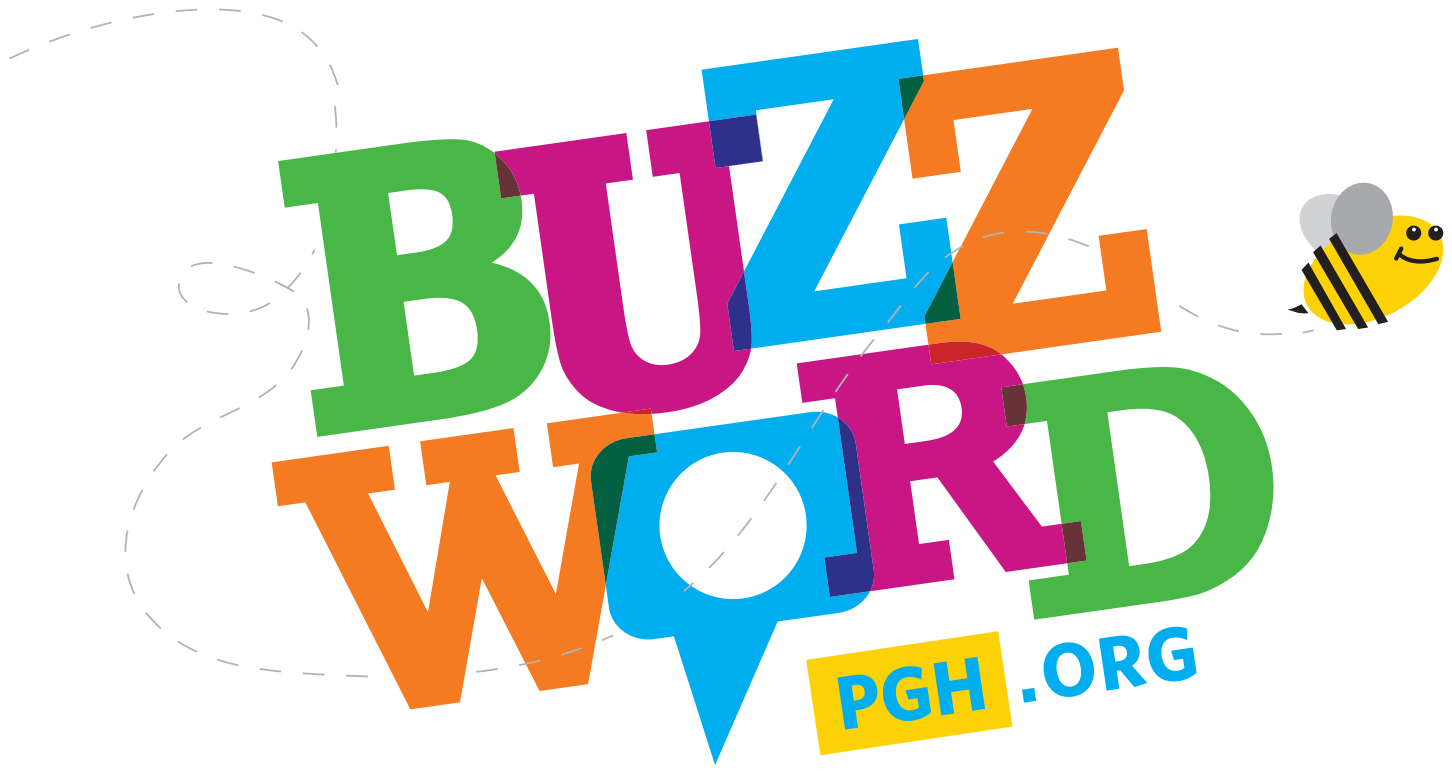


# Who Are We?

Buzzword Pittsburgh excites children and families as they experience the words that are all around them. Through talk and play about math, science, and art, young children will expand their vocabularies and conversation skills. The program engages families and community organizations in Pittsburgh's Homewood neighborhood and the greater community.

The Buzzword Pittsburgh collaborative consists of six partner organizations with expertise in the arts and sciences. These partners provide interactive learning opportunities that encourage imagination, investigation, creation, and reflection. This initiative is supported by The Heinz Endowments and PNC Grow Up Great®.





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