

# DISCOVERY PLATE™ ACTIVITY

## ACTIVITY 1 — SCRABBLE ANYONE?



### MATERIALS NEEDED

- 1 or more sets of Discovery Plates™
- 1 Set of magnets “Fun With Letters”
- 50 3” x 5” index cards or cardstock
- Small box or bag

### PRIOR TO THE ACTIVITY

Place two or three magnetic letters on each of the Discovery Plates™ on the wall. The letters of the alphabet should be randomly placed so that there is a variety at each site, across the entire length of the climbing wall. Next, create a series of words (approximately 50) that can be formed from the individual letters on the wall. Write these words on index cards or small pieces of cardstock paper. Place the words into a box/bag.

### THE ACTIVITY

Create partner groups or have each participant choose a partner to:

- Hold their word while they are climbing
- Cue them about what the next letter they are looking for is (if necessary)
- Hold onto each letter they retrieve from the wall

Partners should line up along one side of the climbing wall. The non-climber picks out a word from the box/bag, reads it aloud and the climber heads off in search of the letters needed to spell that word. Two or three groups can climb at one time. However, climbers should maintain one panel of distance between each other and should make forward progress only so as not to climb over other climbers. When climbers find a letter, they remove it from the Discovery Plate™ and hand it to their partner. If they cannot find all of their letters, they must draw another word and try again. Once the word is spelled, the partners should switch roles and start over. This activity is a great review of spelling words. It's also fun, challenging and encourages perseverance.

**Note:** It may be necessary to replenish magnetic letters periodically during the activity.

### VARIATION

Instead of placing letter magnets on the Discovery Plates™, write the letters. Have climbers erase any letter they use with their finger.