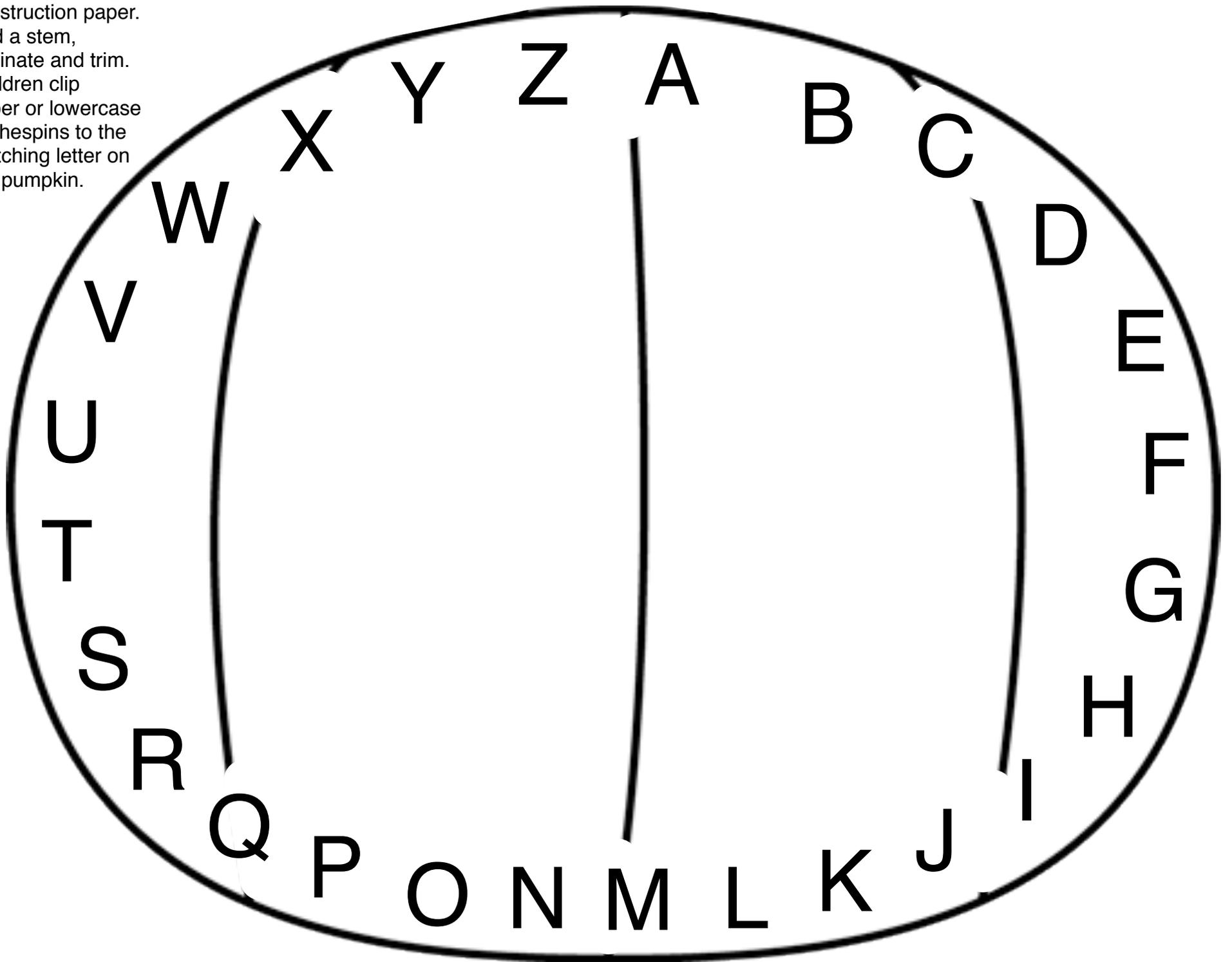
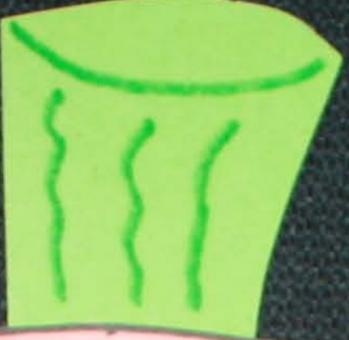
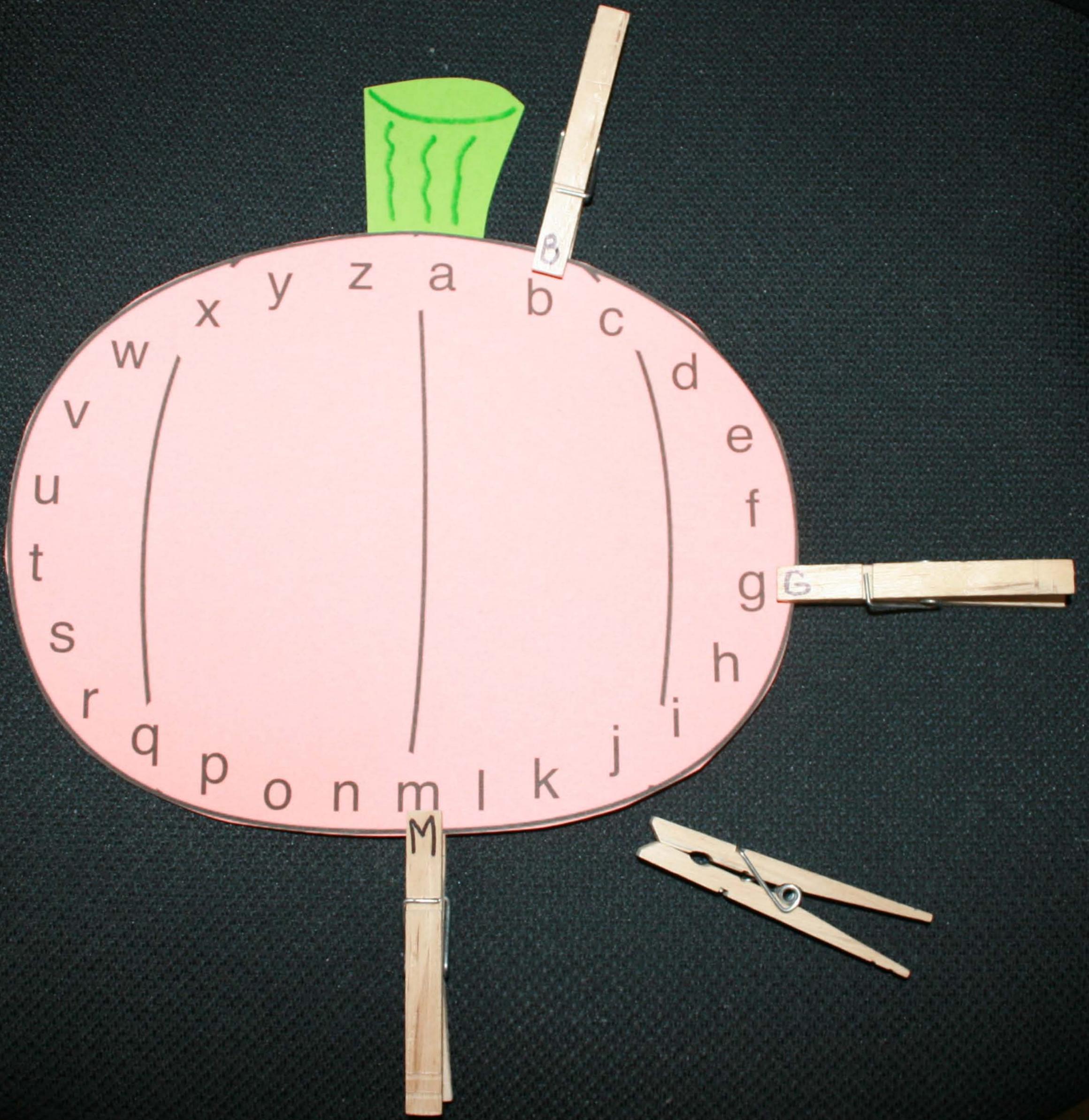




Run off on orange construction paper. Add a stem, laminate and trim. Children clip upper or lowercase clothespins to the matching letter on the pumpkin.





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G

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z a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y





## Alphabet Pumpkin - Clothespin Matching Game



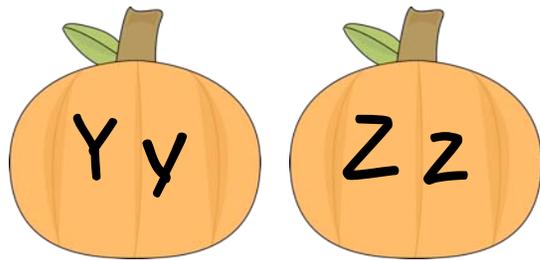
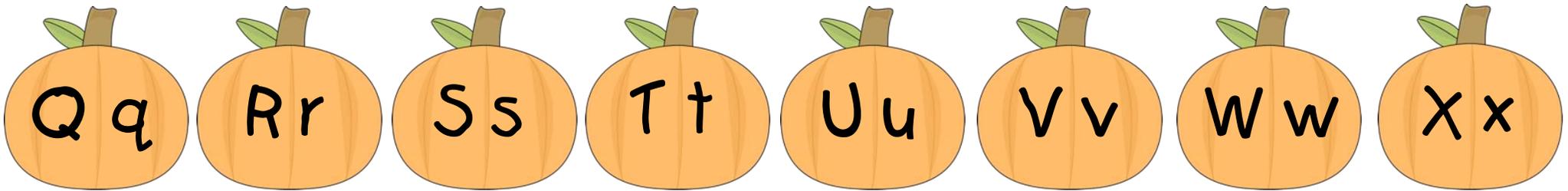
Cut rectangles for the stem of the pumpkin out of green construction paper. Run off the pumpkins on two shades of orange. Cut out, glue the stem to the top, laminate and trim. Children will clip the Aa and Zz clothespins close to the stem.

You can buy clip-on clothespins at The Dollar Store. I suggest you clip all of the clothespins onto the pumpkins BEFORE you write the letters on. Since little ones are just learning about letters, it's less confusing for them, if you print the clothespins so that a letter doesn't appear upside down. i.e. I printed letters D, E, F, G, H, sideways with the "pinch" end going to the right, and letters S, T, U and V sideways, with the "pinch" side going to the left. Letters A, B, C, X, Y, Z with the "pinch" side up; and I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q and R, with the "pinch" side down.

Another help for little ones, and allows for quick sorting, is to print the uppercase letters in red permanent marker, and the lowercase letters in black. Bag up this particular set of clothespins and mark them Pumpkin Clothespins. Children can also play with a partner, dividing the clothespins, so that each child gets 13 to clip. Teacher chooses the partners, so that a stronger student can help a child who's struggling.

This is a great activity to send home with children who need more one-on-one help. Inform parents via a note that they may BORROW this game for one week and need to return it on a specific day. Jot yourself a note as to who has the game.

So that children can self-check their work, have them look at the pumpkin alphabet chart when they are through.



# Pumpkin Alphabet Check

When you have clipped all of your clothespins on the pumpkin, check to see that you have the correct answers.

Dear .....



..... is having some difficulty identifying upper and lowercase letters and pairing them up.

Attached is a game I made, to help make learning this more fun. Have your child pick a clothespin, say the letter and then clip it to the matching upper or lowercase letter.

Please work with your child throughout the week. So that other students may also use the game, please return it by:

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Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Educationally Yours,

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Date:

Dear .....



Last week I sent an Alphabet Pumpkin Clothespin Matching Game home with your child. It hasn't been returned yet. Would you please send it back so that my other students can also practice.



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