

## **BOOKMARK-MAKING PROMOTES READING**

Supplies needed:

- Foam sheets – pack of multicolor size 5X7
- Foam stickers in sports, flowers, books, letters, hearts, stars, and holiday themes.
- Hole puncher
- Scissors
- Ribbon
- Plastic beads
- Markers
- Glue or glue sticks

Instructions:

1. Separate the foam sheets and cut them into four equal-sized strips of 7 inches.
2. Separate the foam stickers by themes
3. Make a hole in the corner or center the bookmark about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch from the top of the strip.
4. Add stickers and embellishments as desired. Each child can write their name on the back of the bookmark with a marker.
5. Insert both ends of a 12-inch length of ribbon folded in half in the hole at the top of the bookmark and add beads fastening each bead by tying a knot. Add as many beads as you like. Make several bookmarks as samples to show the students.



NOTE: This literacy activity is one of the easiest for children and students of all ages to make. The supplies are easy to put in a bookmark kit in a plastic zip-close bag. Make as many as there are students and then make a few extras – just in case.

You may find other bookmark designs to make using a length of ribbon with a charm at each end. Other ideas are corner bookmarks made from cardstock. Use your imagination and search the internet for more ideas.

