

FREE PRINTABLE LABELS FOR THE HOME

Keiki books and other reading materials are an essential part of a young keiki's early literacy experience and lay the foundation for a love of reading. But did you know that many other types and uses of print such as street signs, Dad's shopping list, a thank-you note to Grandma, help contribute to a keiki's ability to read? As young keiki experience different types of print, they learn what all the letters and words mean in different contexts and how they affect their lives.

Providing a print-rich environment exposes keiki to reading in a functional way. One aspect of a print-rich environment is labeling. Labeling helps to create an environment that puts keiki at ease and contributes to self-directed learning. Labeling also:

- Helps keiki recognize that words have meaning
- Infuses the environment with print
- Helps keiki develop responsibility as they care for the materials they use
- Turns clean-up time into a valuable learning opportunity
- Gives visual clues to the location of items
- Adds to the appeal and organization of the home

Once you have downloaded the printable labels:

- Print labels
- Cut out each label
- Place each label (with tape or any other type of adhesive you may have) on the appropriate item with your keiki. As you do this, pronounce the word for your keiki and have them repeat the word.









