

# Tikki Tikki Tembo Activity Card

Dear Families - *Tikki Tikki Tembo* is a story told to explain why many Chinese have short names. Part of learning about writing is understanding that when we write more letters the word we will read aloud from those letters will be longer than a word that has fewer letters. To complete this activity with your child, ask your child to think of names of friends, family members, and neighbors. If the name is short like *Chang* (having 5 or fewer letters), write the name in the column under Chang's name. If the name is long (having 6 or more letters), write the name in the column under Tikki Tikki tembo-no sa rembo-chari bari ruchi-pip peri pembo's name. You do not need to fill in the entire chart at one sitting!

<i>Write long names in this column</i>	<i>Short names go here</i>
Tikki Tikki tembo-no sa rembo-chari bari ruchi-pip peri pembo	Chang