

Summer Packets

Pre K 4

Dear Parents,

Summer packets will be coming home with your child on Monday. Included are a reusable name practice page; a list of items/activities to be practicing with your child over the summer; a booklist for suggested age appropriate reads ; a letter formation page ; a math practice page (dice required); a word rhyme matching game and a scissors practice page.

Please use the packets at your leisure to keep sharp the skills that they have learned in pre k. Also, please continue to make learning fun! 15-30 min a day of a fun "refresher" game or activity will go a long way.

Should you have any questions about the summer packets, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you!

Mrs. Warden

Helpful hints for the summer in preparation for Kindergarten!

Your child should work on the following items:

- Identify 5 or more shapes
- Identify all colors
- Recognize numbers 1-10
- Rote count up to 20+
- Count objects & be able to do one to one correspondence with a particular number (1-10)
- Understand long, longer, longest; short, shorter, shortest, big, bigger, biggest, etc.
- Identify a simple ABAB pattern
- Say or sing ABC's
- Recognize letters & letter sounds (upper & lower case)
- Have an understanding of opposites, things that are the same/different
- Color, cut, draw, tie, play with play dough (all help to develop fine motor skills)
- Play outside/playground (work on gross motor skills like hopping, kicking, running, skipping, galloping, climbing)
- Recognize his/her own name in print and be able to print own name (believe it or not, some children forget how to print their name over the summer)! Be sure to use a capital letter at the beginning, followed by lowercase letters.
- Practice rhyming words
- Know position words-up & down, left & right, top & bottom, before & after, etc.
- Understand sequencing -retell an event/story in the proper sequence (beginning, middle, end)
- After your child hears a story, he/she should be able to answer questions about important events, characters and retell part of the story.
- Practice sorting objects by color, shape, size, etc.
- Zip zippers, button clothing, etc
- Open all their own snacks (juice boxes, pudding, yogurt, etc)
- Identify body parts
- Express ideas using descriptive words and complete sentences
- Attention span should be lengthening (should be able to listen to a story without interrupting)
- Listen to music, learn simple songs and move with the music
- Follow simple clapping pattern



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Pre-K Summer Packet



Learning Activities for the Summer Months

For children transitioning to Kindergarten

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Learning Activities for Summer

Literacy

Make a Writing Kit for your child to practice writing:

Pens	Colored Pencils	Thin Markers
Plain White Paper	Colored copy paper	Envelopes
Stapler (for making books)	Tape	Dry Erase Board
Magna Doodle	Notepads	Index Cards

Shaving Cream

Put a small amount of shaving cream on the table or on a tray. Spread it out and draw letters and numbers in the shaving cream with your finger. You may want to use a smock, but if it gets on clothes, it fades away after a few minutes. When it is time to clean up, rub the shaving cream until it disappears, then wash the table or tray.

Pipe Cleaner Letters

Use pipe cleaners (a.k.a. chenille stems) to form letters by bending them.

Letter Memory Game

Place 2-4 letter magnets (or cards with the letters written on them) on a tray. Cover them up with a cloth and take one away. Uncover the cloth, and ask your child which one is missing. You can also have your child write the letter on a piece of paper or dry erase board.

Name

Write your child's name on a piece of construction paper in large letters. Glue on yarn, beans or glitter. (ALWAYS, use an uppercase letter for the first letter of a name, but write the rest in lowercase letters.)

Letter Sound Basket

Give your child a basket and ask him or her to collect objects from around the house that begin with a particular letter.

Mystery Sound Bag

Place 3 or 4 objects that begin with a particular letter in a bag. For example, bowl, ball, block, book for the letter B. Have your child pull the items out one at the time and identify the beginning letter.

Erase-the-Rhyme

Draw a picture on a dry erase board and ask your child to erase things that rhyme. For example, draw a house, and ask your child to erase what rhymes with hoof (roof), floor (door), ball (wall), bindow (window). Or, draw a cat, and ask your child to erase what rhymes with pail (tail), tie (eye), dose (nose), south (mouth), lead (head), etc.

Math

Candy Math

Have your child use colored candy, such as Gummi candy, M & M's, Skittles, Runts, jelly beans, etc. Use them for sorting, counting, patterning activities.

Block Game

Use a numbered game die or spinner and some blocks. Take turns rolling the die, and taking the correct number of blocks from the pile. Build a tower with the blocks. After all the blocks are gone, compare the towers to see whose is the tallest.

Number Basketball

Write numbers on pieces of paper and place them on the floor. Place a trash can nearby. Call out a number for your child to find, crumble up and toss into the trash can.

Money Toss

Toss five pennies onto the table or floor. Count how many heads and tails.

Counting Books

Make counting books with stickers. Choose stickers that will appeal to your child (Barbie, Harry Potter, trains, horses, etc.) Staple pieces of paper together and label each page with a number. Have your child stick the correct amount of stickers on each page of the book. You could make the "Spiderman Counting Book" or "Dora the Explorer Counting Book".

Path Games

Path games are great for counting practice because a child rolls the dice or spins a spinner and counts how many spaces to move. You can buy them or make your own path games with stickers.

Card Games

You can use playing cards in several ways:

Have your child match two of the same numbers,

Have your child put the numbers in sequential order,

Play war (Two players take the top card from their own pile, compare them, and the player with the highest number wins that round and collects both cards.)

Science

Make a Science Kit:

Prism
Seashells
Rock Collection
Kaleidoscopes
Magnets
Magnifying Glass
Bug Box/ Critter Cage
Binoculars

Nature Walk

Go on a nature walk in your neighborhood or in the woods. Collect small sticks, rocks, leaves, wildflowers. You can use them later to make a nature collage or look at them through a magnifying glass.

Pond Nature Trip

Give your child a "pond study kit": magnifying glass, clear cup (for a water sample), plastic bags (for plant and dirt samples), craft sticks, plastic spoons, etc. Take a trip to a pond and let your child explore. Take a bag of bread crumbs for the ducks.

Magnets

Let your child experiment with various objects and classify them as magnetic or non-magnetic. You can use a paper clip, screw, penny, pen cap, cork, crayon, etc.

Chemical Reaction

Let your child experiment with baking soda and vinegar to make a chemical reaction. Put baking soda in a paper cup and vinegar in another cup. Add amounts of one ingredient to the other and watch what happens.

More Chemistry

You can also set out several ingredients and let your child experiment with the different textures (and reactions) the ingredients make. For solids, you can have cups of flour, baking soda, salt, sand, corn meal. For liquids, you can set out cups of water, oil, liquid soap, bubble bath. Add drops of food coloring for added fun.

Simple Machines: Ramps

Provide your child with blocks and small boards or cardboard to make ramps. Children can experiment with by rolling or sliding different objects down the ramps: blocks, boxes, cars, marbles, droplets of water, rocks.

Fine Motor Skills

Scissors & Play-dough

Let your child use scissors to cut play-dough. This helps build fine motor strength and helps them learn to use scissors.

Magazine Collage

Cut pictures from magazines and glue them onto a piece of construction paper. You can have your child cut out certain things, such as "things that begin with the letter A" or "red things" or "ocean animals", etc. You can also make books by stapling construction paper together and gluing each picture on a page.

Play-Dough Bakery

Use bowls, spoons, cookie cutters, cookie sheets, rolling pins, plates, cups, mini pie pans, muffin tins, and other things with play-dough.

More...

Legos

Puzzles

Light Bright

Art

Make an Art Kit:

Colored Construction Paper

Plain White Paper

Crayons

Markers

Scissors

Glue/Glue Stick

Colored Chalk

Oil Pastels

Water Color Paints

Tempera or Poster Paint

Tape

Collage Materials (beans, pasta, craft foam, cotton)

Popsicle Sticks

Booklist

Look for these books at the library:

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, by Mo Willems
Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late, by Mo Willems
The Pigeon Wants a Hot Dog, by Mo Willems
The Pigeon Wants a Puppy, by Mo Willems
Knuffle Bunny, by Mo Willems
Knuffle Bunny, Too, by Mo Willems
Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes, by Eric Litwin
Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes, by Eric Litwin
Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons, by Eric Litwin
Go Away Big Green Monster, by Ed Emberly
Corduroy, by Don Freeman
Goldilocks and the Three Bears, retold by Jan Brett
The Very Clumsy Click Beetle, by Eric Carle
Three Billy Goats Gruff, retold by Stephen Carpenter
The Little Red Hen, retold by Jerry Pinkney
Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too?, by Eric Carle
Hedgie's Surprise, by Jan Brett
Mrs. Wishy Washy's Farm, by Joy Cowley
The Hat, by Jan Brett
The Tale of Peter Rabbit, by Beatrix Potter
Owl Babies, by Martin Waddell
A House for Hermit Crab, by Eric Carle
Mister Seahorse, by Eric Carle
Big Al, by Andrew Clements
Unlovable, by Dan Yaccarino
It's the Bear, Jez Alborough
An Extraordinary Egg, by Leo Lionni
The Umbrella, by Jan Brett
Who is the Beast?, by Keith Baker
Duck in the Truck, by Jez Alborough
Captain Duck, by Jez Alborough
Cuddly Duddly, by Jez Alborough
There's an Alligator Under My Bed, by Mercer Mayer
Caps for Sale, by Esphyr Slobodkina
David Gets in Trouble, by David Shannon
Bill and Pete, by Tomie de Paola
Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile, by Tomie de Paola
The Doghouse, by Jan Thomas
Rhyming Dust Bunnies, by Jan Thomas

Websites

www.starfall.com
www.literacycenter.net
www.janbrett.com

For parents:

<http://www2.ed.gov/pubs/CompactforReading/index.html>

Kids Activities Blog:

<http://kidsactivitiesblog.com/>

PreKinders: Activities for Pre-K & Kindergarten Kids

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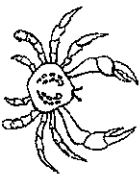



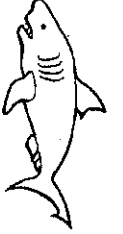
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Ocean Animal Race

Use this math game to practice counting and numeral identification. You can make copies of this game if you like. You will need a dotted game die.
To play: Child rolls the die and counts the amount of dots. If they roll a 5, they will circle one 5 on the paper; if they roll a 3, they will circle a 3; etc. The child will continue to roll and circle numbers until one of the rows has all of the numbers circled. That animal is the winner!

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	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	★
	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	★
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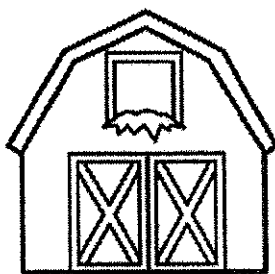
Rhyming Cards: Cut apart and use these for matching practice.



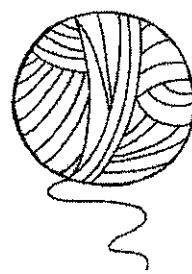
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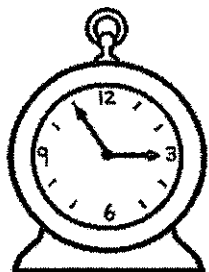
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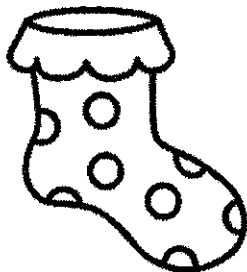
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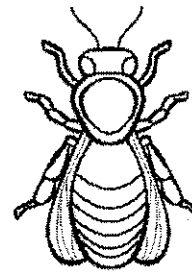
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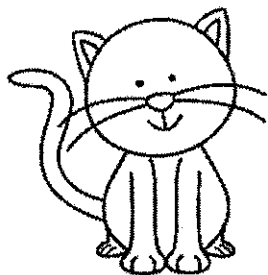
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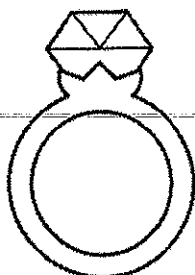
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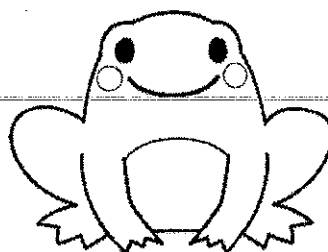
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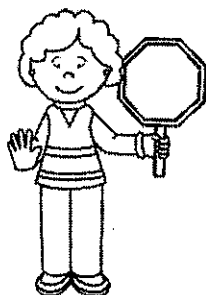
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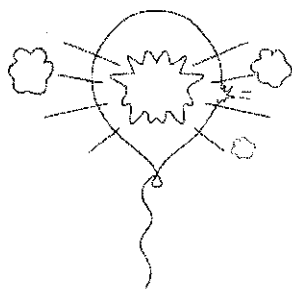
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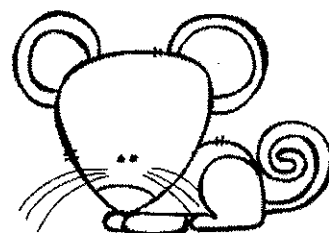
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house



mouse

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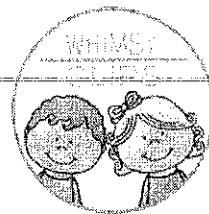
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Scissor Skills Worksheet
Practice Cutting Lines

Practice your scissor skills by cutting the curved lines below.

