
Preschool Summer Packet

Dear Families,

We have learned so much this year:

- Identifying letters and sounds
- Writing letters, names, and some words
- Nursey rhymes and rhyming words
- Identifying numbers
- Counting objects
- Making patterns
- Identifying shapes
- ... AND SO MUCH MORE!

Enclosed in this packet are activities that you can do with your child over the summer to help review and strengthen skills learned throughout this school year. Continue to review letters, numbers, counting, name writing, and other skills with your child so they can retain their learning during the summer months.

Some of the activities included are the following:

- Learning activities booklet with activities and websites
- Rhyming cards for a matching game
- Summer Reading List (*Play Summer Book Bingo*)
- Nursery Rhymes
- Counting Games
- Shapes Activity

Try out some or all of these activities with your child. Thanks for a great school year and have a great summer!

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Learning Activities for Summer

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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.)

Number Writing Rhymes:

Round and round and round we go When we get home We have a zero.	Start at the top And down we run That's the way we make a one.
Around and back On the railroad track Two, two, two!	Around a tree Around a tree That's the way we make a three.
Down and over And down some more That's the way we make a four.	Down and around With a flag on high That's the way we make a five.
Around to a loop Number six rolls a hoop.	Across the sky And down from heaven That's the way we make a seven.
Make an "S" and do not wait When we get home We have an eight.	Make a loop And then a line That's the way we make a nine.

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

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

www.prekinders.com

Rhyming Cards – Cut apart and use these for a rhyming matching game.



dog



frog



cake



snake



duck



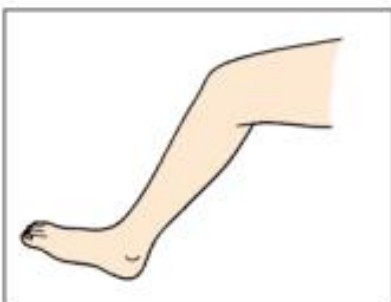
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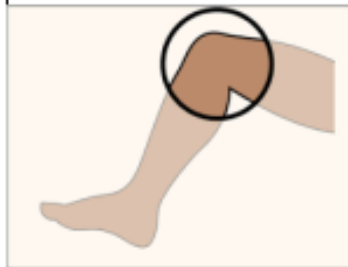
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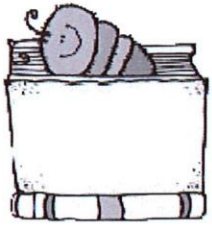
cat



hat

Preschool Summer Reading List

The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle	The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle	The Island Under the Sun by Stella Blackstone
There was an Old Woman who Swallowed a Shell by Lucille Colandro	If you Want to See a Whale by Julie Fogliano
Hello Ocean by Pam Muñoz Ryan	Happiness Street by Elisavet Arkolaki
Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister	The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown
Chica Chica Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr.	Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss
Freight Train by Donald Crews	Brown Bear, Brown Bear what do you see? by Bill Martin Jr.
Panda Bear, Panda Bear What do you See? by Bill Martin Jr.	The Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown
What Can You See in Summer? by Sian Smith	Exploring Summer by Terri DeGezelle
I See Summer by Charles Ghigna	And Then Comes Summer by Tom Brenner
One Hot Summer Day by Nina Crews	Rain Carol Thompson
Summer Is Here by Heidi Pross Gray	Spring is Here! by Graciela Castellanos
Planting a Rainbow by Lois Elhert	Mouse's First Summer by Lauren Thompson
<u>Non Fiction Books</u>	
Summer by Tanya Thayer	Are You a Bee?- Backyard Books Series by Judy Allen
Hello, I'm Here! by Helen Frost	Chomp: A Shark Romp by Michael Pau
A Seed is the Start by Melissa Stewart	Bloom Boom! by April Pulley Sayre
Seeds Move! by Robin Page	The Truth About Dolphins by Maxwell Eaton



Summer Book Bingo

After reading these books to your child, have your child color the square or place a sticker over the square. Keep going until you fill the chart!

<p>READ BOOKS BY MO WILLEMS.</p>	<p>Relax & read a book outside.</p>	<p>check out a book from the public library.</p>	<p><i>Read a fairy tale.</i></p>	<p>Read a children's magazine.</p>
<p>Read a non-fiction book.</p>	<p>Read a book by Jan Brett and pick an activity from janbrett.com.</p>	<p>Read or recite nursery rhymes.</p>	<p>Tell a family member all about a book you like. Who are the characters? What do they do? What do they say?</p>	<p>Go to storylineonline.net to have a book read to you.</p>
<p>Read books by Laura Numeroff.</p>	<p>Read a poem from a poetry book for children.</p>	<p>Make your own book and read it to a family member or friend.</p>	<p>READ A BOOK ABOUT ANIMALS.</p>	<p>Read books by Eric Carle.</p>
<p>READ A BOOK ABOUT THE BEACH OR OCEAN</p>	<p>READ A BOOK TO LEARN ABOUT A TOPIC THAT INTERESTS YOU.</p>	<p>Listen to an audio book.</p>	<p>Draw or paint a picture about a book you have read.</p>	<p>Read a counting book.</p>

Nursery Rhymes

Nursery rhymes are a **proven** way to increase children's reading ability.

Here are some traditional rhymes you can say with your child.

Find more nursery rhymes at www.prekinders.com/nursery-rhymes/

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses
And all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again.



Little boy blue
Come blow your horn.
The sheep's in the meadow,
The cow's in the corn.
Where is the boy
Who looks after the sheep?
He's under the haystack fast asleep.

Hey diddle diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon.
The little dog laughed,
To see such sport
And the dish ran away with the spoon.

Hickory dickory dock,
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down,
Hickory dickory dock.

Here is the beehive.
Where are the bees?
Hidden away where nobody sees.
Watch and you'll see them
Come out of the hive:
1 ... 2 ... 3 ... 4 ... 5 ... BUZZ!




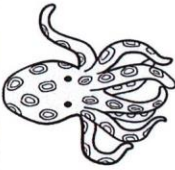




Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep,
And doesn't know where to find them.
Leave them alone and they'll come home,
Wagging their tails behind them.

Counting Game

Directions: You can use small candies, buttons, or beans as game pieces. Roll a die or spin a spinner. Count out the correct amount of game pieces to place on the game board. When the game board is full, you win! This game helps children practice one-to-one correspondence, counting, and numeral identification.

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!

	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	★
	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	★
	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	★
	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	★
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	★
	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	★

Learning Shapes with Popsicle Sticks

Keywords

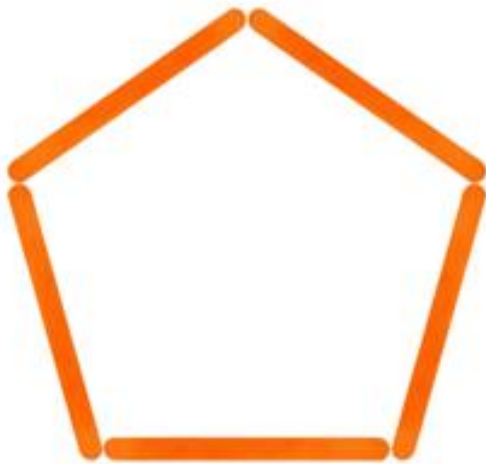
- Shapes
- Sides
- Lines
- Equal
- Angle
- Point
- Horizontal line —
- Vertical line

Questions to Ask

- Can you make these shapes?
- How many sides does this shape have?
- How is the square and the rectangle different?



Square
Cuadrado



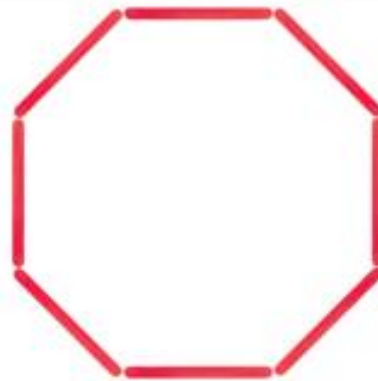
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