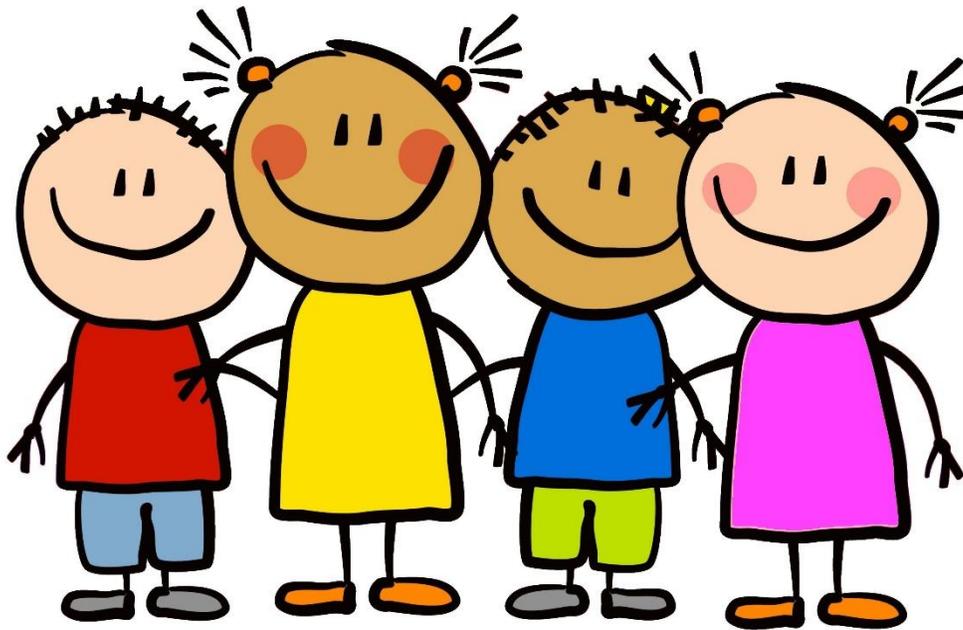


GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN



Special activities for fun and practice!

Nursery Rhymes

- Read them with your child and point out the rhyming words.
- Encourage your child to make more rhyming words from the rhymes in the stories.
- Color the pictures that accompany each Nursery Rhyme.

Cutting Practice

- Teach your child how to hold scissors correctly.
- Make as many copies of the cutting pages as you wish for your child to practice cutting along lines and around shapes.
- Encourage your child to cut words out from cereal boxes, magazines, shopping bags, cards, etc.
- Another fun way to strengthen finger and hand muscles is to have your child cut Playdough with regular or Playdough scissors.

Writing Practice

- Teach your child how to hold a pencil correctly.
- Help your child to write his/her name in upper and lower case letters. The letter sheet has arrows to indicate the correct formation of the letters for his/her name.
- Perhaps your child can learn to write his/her last name, too!
- **Challenge:** Write the names of family members: Mom, Dad, etc.

ABC Letter Cards and Clothes Pins

- Letter Activities: see additional directions.

Math

- Numbers have been written with arrows to indicate the correct formation of the digits, 1-10.
- Practice writing the number(s) in your address.
- Practice writing the numbers in a telephone number.
- Math Activities: see additional directions.

ABC LETTER CARDS & CLOTHESPINS

Materials: 3x5 cards, black marker, red marker, clothes pins.

In Black, write one consonant capital letter on one side of the card and that same consonant lower case letter on the reverse side.

In Red, write each vowel capital letter on one side of the card and that same vowel lower case letter on the reverse side.

Repeat the above on clothespins. Pinching clothespins helps with fine motor skills!

26 Upper Case Alphabet Cards

26 Lower Case Alphabet Cards

26 Clothespins

***EXTRA FUN:**

Can you tell which letters are vowels?

HINT: Look for RED LETTERS *ANSWER: a, e, i, o, u*

Directions: Many Ways to Play!

1. Upper Case Letter Cards:

Put the cards in alphabetical order from A-Z.

2. Lower Case Letter Cards:

Put the cards in alphabetical order from A-Z.

3. Match Upper and Lower Case Letters Together:

Use the upper case letter cards and match them to the same lower case letter cards.

4. Match Upper Case Letter Cards Together with Clothespins:

Use the upper case letter cards and upper case clothespins.

5. Match Lower Case Letter Cards Together with Clothespins:

Use the lower case letter cards and lower case clothespins.

6. MIX Upper Case Cards with Lower Case Clothespins:

Use upper case letters cards and match to lower case clothespins.

7. MIX Lower Case Cards with Upper Case Clothespins:

Use lower case letter cards and match to upper case clothespins.

8. Mix it up! Say the name of each alphabet letter and practice making the sound that each letter makes. **Challenge:** Try this in and out of alphabetical order!

Math Activities

Handwriting Practice: (Writing numerals 1-10 included)

- Chalk
- Water and a paint brush
- Shaving cream
- Finger paint
- Pudding

Make a Pattern: (blocks, stickers, art supplies)

- Color 1, Color 2, Color 1, Color 2, Color 1, Color 2...
- Large, Large, Small, Large, Large, Small, etc.
- Make your own patterns!
- **Challenge:** What comes next?

Make a bag of 20 small objects: (Cheerios, pasta, beads, coins, etc.)

Counting 1-20:

- Spill out the objects.
- Fill in a tens frame, working from left to right, top row first.
- Practice putting the objects in two groups that make ten.
- Write the numerals 1-20 on index cards, put that amount of objects on each card, counting as you go.

- Put the objects into two groups, which one has more? Count the objects to know each amount.

Shapes: (Find squares, circles, triangles, rectangles in your home)

- Name each shape.
- Trace each shape.
- Look for things in your house that have that same shape!
 - square: napkin, cracker, post-it notes, etc.
 - circle: water bottle cap, cookie, plate, etc.
 - triangle: slice of pizza, roof, tortilla chip, etc.
 - rectangle: book cover, picture frame, window, etc.

TEN FRAMES

Using the Ten Frame:

- Choose a number 1-10.
- Place that number of objects into your ten frame.
- How many blank spaces do you see?
- **Challenge:** The number of red counters **plus** the number of blank spaces is **equal to 10**.

Using the “Making Ten” worksheet:

- Find different ways to make ten using two different colors.
 $1 + 9 = 10$ $4 + 6 = 10$ $7 + 3 = 10$
 $2 + 8 = 10$ $5 + 5 = 10$ $8 + 2 = 10$
 $3 + 7 = 10$ $6 + 4 = 10$ $9 + 1 = 10$
- Use objects to construct different ways to make ten.
 $1 + 9 = 10$ $4 + 6 = 10$ $7 + 3 = 10$
 $2 + 8 = 10$ $5 + 5 = 10$ $8 + 2 = 10$
 $3 + 7 = 10$ $6 + 4 = 10$ $9 + 1 = 10$

Challenge:

Build your own equations on the “Make a Ten” Worksheet (included)

