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Let's get ready for Kindergarten!
Fun Things to do at Home this Summer

We hope you have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you at school in September! 😊

From the École Père Kenneth Kearns Kindergarten
Teachers

Learning Activities for Summer



Literacy

Make a Writing Kit for your child to practice writing:

Pens

Coloured Pencils

Tape

Plain White Paper

Coloured Copy Paper

Notepads

Stapler (for making books)

Thin markers

Dry Erase Board

Magna Doodle

Envelopes

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 a 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. Start letters from the top going down.)

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 a 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.



Numeracy

Candy Math

Have your child use colored candy, such as Gummi candy, M & M's, Skittles, Runts, Jellybeans, 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.

Dice games/Subitizing

Subitizing is the ability to quickly identify a small amount of objects in a set without counting. Roll a dice and without counting the dots, children learn to instantly know the dots on a six sided dice without counting each individual dot. Playing games using dice helps children identify an amount without counting. By using a dice (1-2) with games or simply rolling a dice or 2 and mentally adding the dice is a great way to develop number sense.

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 number 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 2 of the same numbers,

Have your child put the numbers in sequential order,

Play War (2 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.)

Fine Motor Skills

Fine motor skills is the coordination of small muscles, in movements – usually involving the synchronization of hands and fingers – with the eyes. Fine motor skills are achieved when children learn to use their smaller muscles, like muscles in their hands, fingers and wrists. Children use their fine motor skills when writing, holding small items, buttoning clothing, turning pages, eating, cutting with scissors and using keyboarding skills. Little hands need to develop dexterity and strength.

Scissors- position scissors using the thumb up position. Practice opening and closing the scissors and move on to cutting different types of papers to practice.

Scissors & Playdough

Let your child use scissors to cut playdough. 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 playdough.

More...

Legos
Puzzles
Light Bright

Art

Make an Art Kit

Colored Construction Paper
Plain White Paper
Crayons
Markers
Scissors
cotton)
Glue/Glue Stick
Colored Chalk



Oil Pastels
Watercolor Paints
Tempera or Poster Paint
Tape
Collage Materials (beans, pasta, craft foam,

Popsicle Sticks

The A-to-Z Kindergarten Readiness

Here are some skills to help your child to have success in Kindergarten

<p><u>Alphabet</u> Can recognize some uppercase and lowercase letters</p>	<p><u>Bathroom</u> Can use the bathroom independently</p>	<p><u>Counting</u> Can count to 10 and recognize some numbers from 1-10</p>	<p><u>Do your best</u> Can persevere when presented with difficult tasks</p>	<p><u>Eat independently</u> Can open and close snack and lunch</p>	<p><u>Friendly</u> Can interact with new friends in a positive way</p>
<p><u>Gross Motor</u> Practice hopping on 1 foot, skipping, throwing</p>	<p><u>seek Help</u> can tell an adult if something is wrong or if they need help</p>	<p><u>Independence</u> Can put on & take off shoes and clothes independently</p>	<p><u>Just right noise level</u> Can control their voice in different settings</p>	<p><u>Kind</u> Is kind to others and can share</p>	
<p><u>Letter sounds</u> Can produce some letter sounds</p>	<p><u>Minutes</u> Can focus on a specific task for 5-10 minutes</p>	<p><u>Name</u> Can recognize and print their first name</p>	<p><u>Optimistic</u> Is positive about coming to school</p>	<p><u>Pay attention</u> Can pay attention to complete an activity</p>	
<p><u>Quiet listener</u> Can listen quietly</p>	<p><u>Rhyme</u> Can recognize some words that rhyme</p>	<p><u>Scissors</u> Can hold scissors correctly and cut straight lines</p>	<p><u>Trace</u> Can trace straight and curved lines</p>	<p><u>Understand directions</u> Can follow 1 & 2 step directions</p>	
<p><u>Volunteer answers</u> Can answer questions</p>	<p><u>Wait in line</u> Can patiently wait their turn</p>	<p><u>eXcited</u> is excited to be in school and learn new things</p>	<p><u>Yearly calendar</u> Can talk about what happens in different seasons</p>	<p><u>Zippers etc.</u> Can use zippers & buttons on clothes</p>	



Chant Your ABC's

Chant your ABC's with claps here to stop students from blending letters together!

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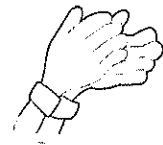
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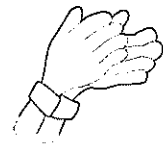
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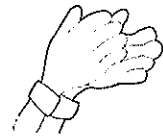
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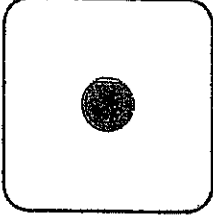
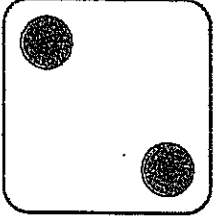
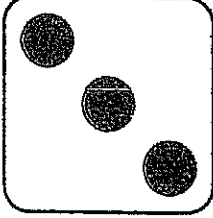
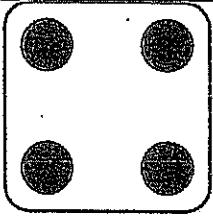
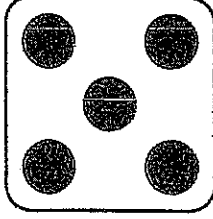
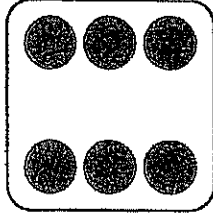
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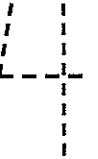





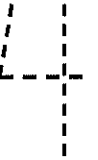





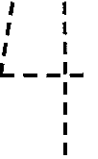





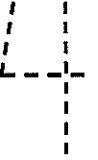





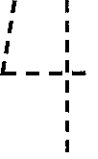





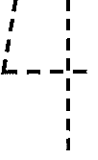


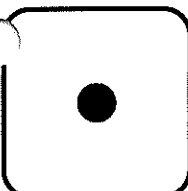
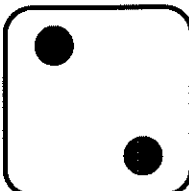
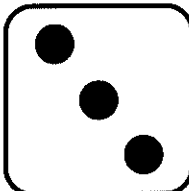
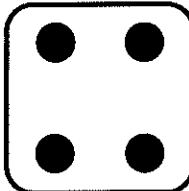




Alphabet Roll and Trace

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	Ee Ff Gg Hh
	Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm
	Nn Oo Pp Qq
	Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv
	Ww Xx Yy Zz

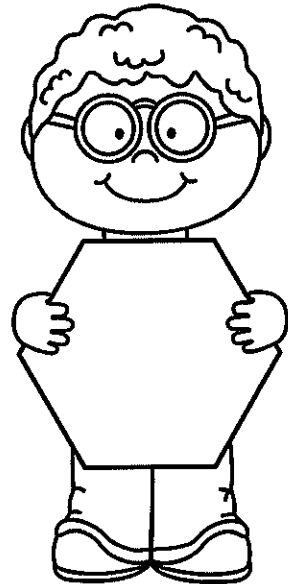
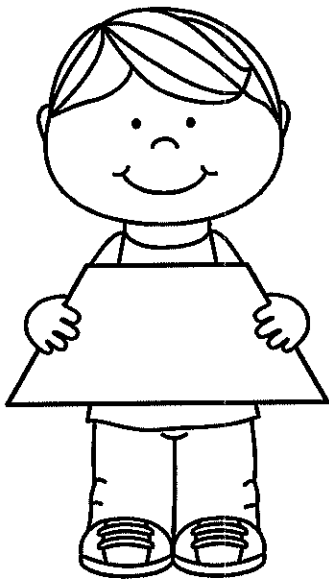
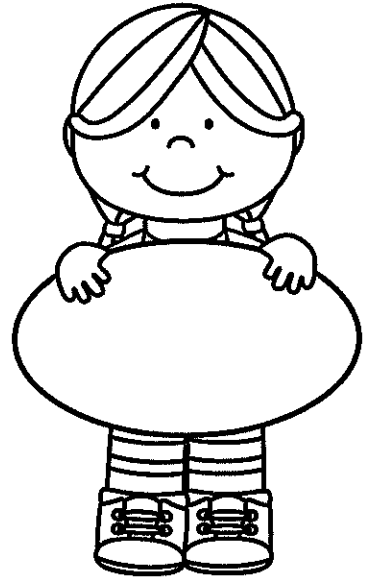
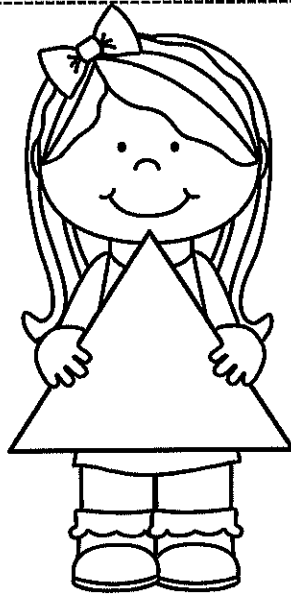
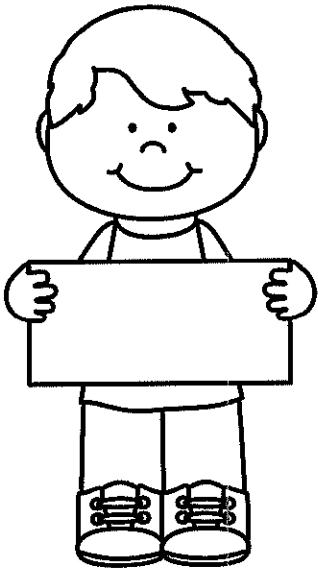
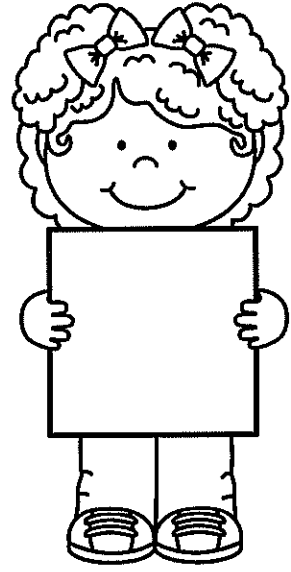
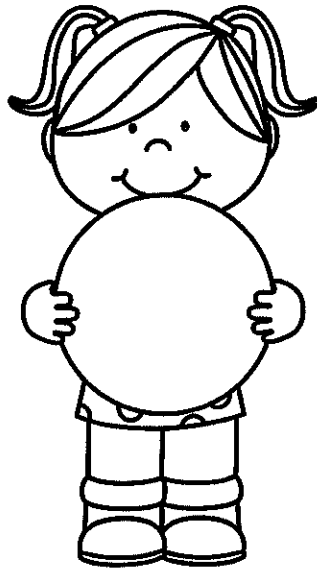
Roll and trace

Roll a die and trace a number. Keep rolling and tracing until you reach the top

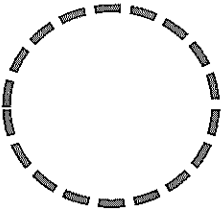
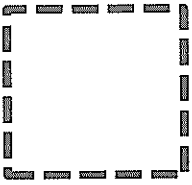
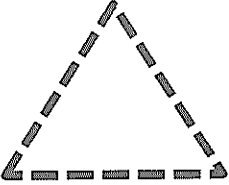
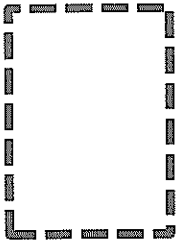
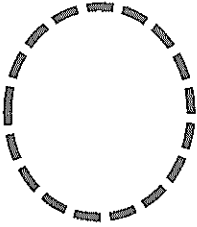
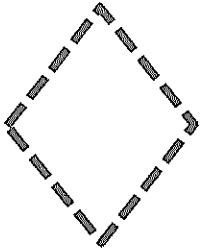
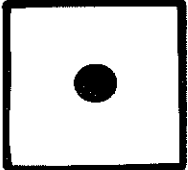
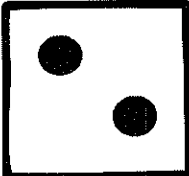
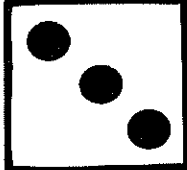
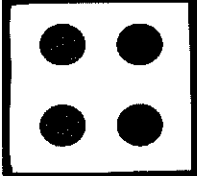
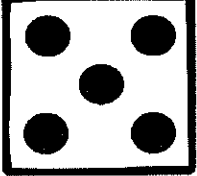
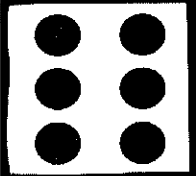
Shapes

Cut these apart and use as flashcards.



Name: _____ Date: _____

Roll & Draw a Shape

					
					
circle	square	triangle	rectangle	oval	rhombus