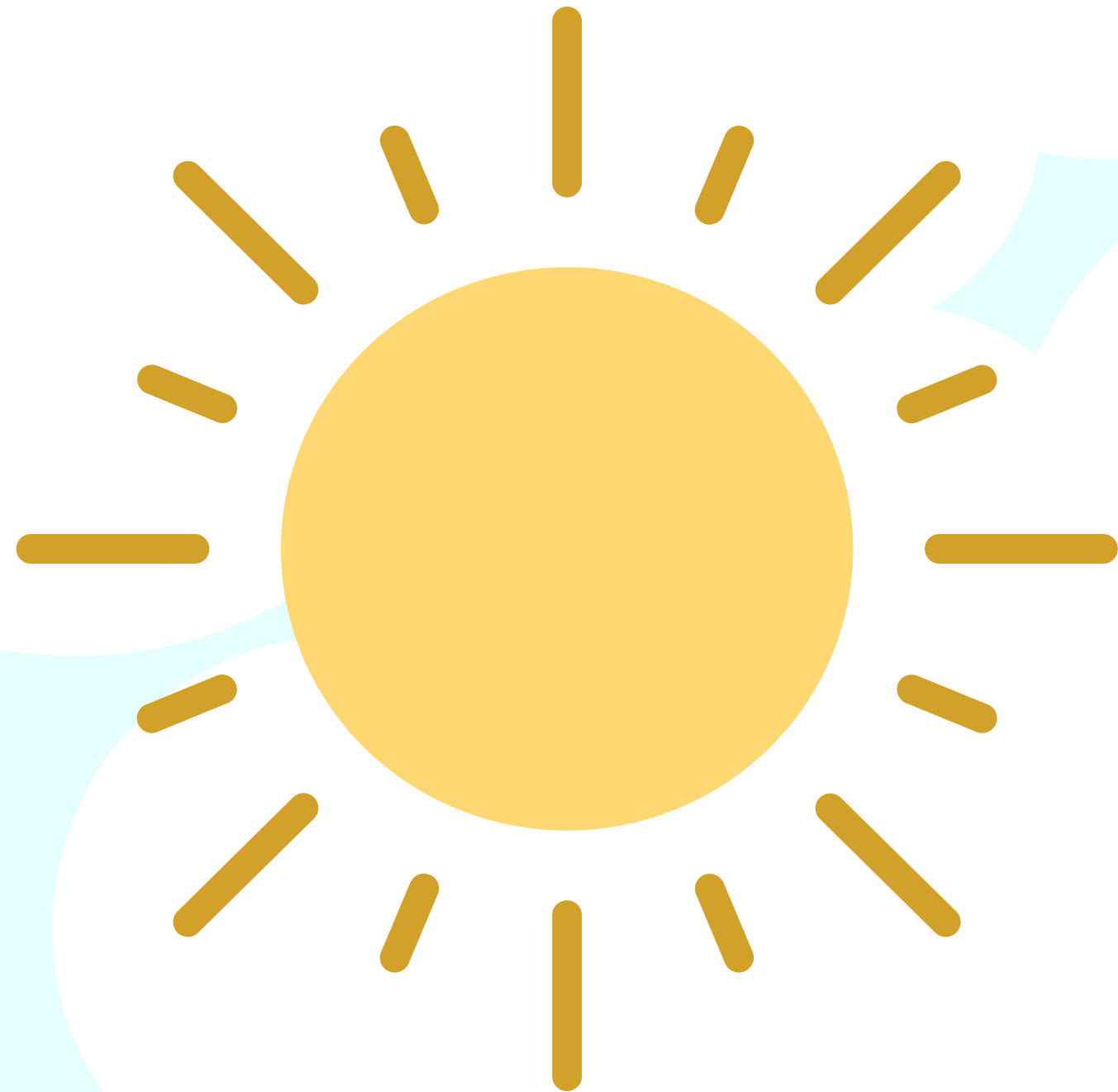


Welcome to Kindergarten!



Kindergarten Supply List



KENNESAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2025-2026 KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST

PLEASE DO NOT LABEL SUPPLIES

- 4 Large Elmer's Glue Sticks
- 3 Boxes of 24-Pack Crayola Crayons
- 1 Pack of Ticonderoga Pencils
- 2 Large Clorox Wipes
- 1 Pack of Skinny Black Expo Dry Erase Markers
- 5" Fiskars Children's Scissors
- 1 Pencil Box
- 1 Box of Kleenex Tissues
- 1 Germ-X Hand Sanitizer
- Gallon Size Plastic Bags (Boys)
- Sandwich Size Plastic Bags (Girls)
- 1 Primary Journal
- 1 Pair Child-Sized Headphones
- Play-Doh
- 1 Ream of White Copy Paper
- 1 Ream of Color Copy Paper (Boys)
- 1 Ream of White Card Stock (Girls)
- 1 Box of 24-Pack Colored Pencils



Please consider donating some of the following wish list supplies!

Specialists: Box of Tissues, Container of Hand Sanitizer, Container of Lysol Wipes, Roll of Paper Towels, Pack of Baby Wipes, Box of Gallon Size Slider Ziplock Bags, Pack of Glue Sticks, Roll of Wax Paper

Kindergarten Team Wish List: Band-Aids, Treasure Box Items, Paper Plates, Baby Wipes, Masking Tape, Markers, Paper Towels

Reading At Home...

Can Make A HUGE Difference!



Choose Books That Are At An Appropriate Reading Level For Your Child

- Use the five finger rule. Open the book to any page and ask your child to read. Put up a finger every time your child does not know a word. If you have put up more than five fingers before the end of the page, this book is too hard for your child.
- Choose books that match your child's likes and interests.

Make Reading A Part Of Your Family Time!

Family time is so important... Why not make reading part of this valuable time with your kids? Here are some tips for integrating reading into our daily family activities:

- Read bedtime stories
- Play a board game
- Visit your local library
- Read a recipe and cook something yummy together!
- Create a comfy reading space in your home.
- Put your child in charge of reading the grocery list at the store.



Keep plenty of reading materials in your home: books, magazines, newspapers, and comic books. Children enjoy having a variety of reading materials!

15-20 minutes is plenty for a beginning reader!



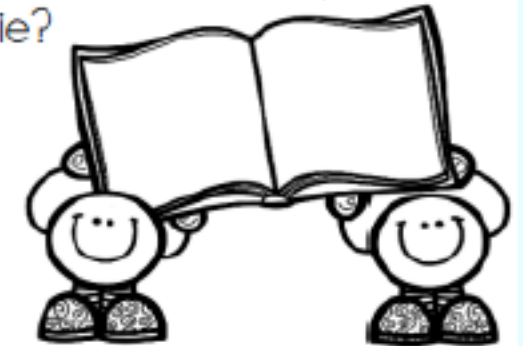
How To Read With A Beginning Reader:

- Encourage your child to use his/her finger to point to each word.
- Read a sentence and have your child repeat it.
- Take turns reading a sentence each or a page each.
- Talk about the story as you read it. What do you think will happen next? What does this story remind you of? How do you think this character feels?
- Don't be afraid to read the same book again! Repeated reading helps build reading fluency!



Check For Understanding

- ✓ Start the book by making predictions. What do you think will happen in this story?
- ✓ Ask questions and make comments during the reading process.
- ✓ After reading a book, have your child tell you the events from the story in the correct order.
- ✓ What was the problem in this story?
- ✓ How did the character feel when...?
- ✓ Encourage your child to make connections. Does this story remind you of another book you read, an event in your life, a movie?



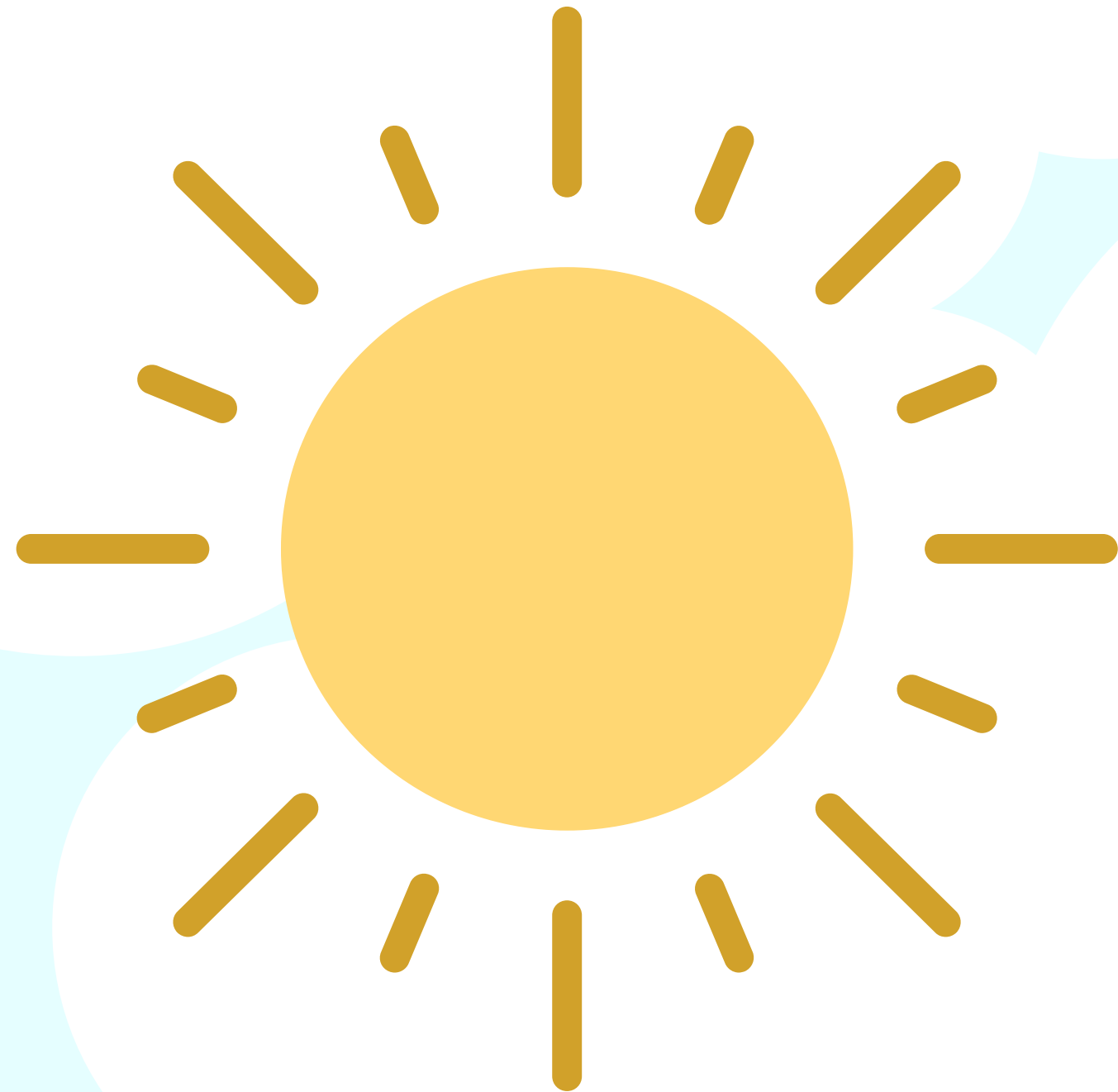
Read Books Online!

There are many fun and interactive websites for literacy. Here are a few FREE online resources:

- www.starfall.com
- www.speakaboos.com
- www.spellingcity.com
- www.wegivebooks.org
- <http://interactivesites.weebly.com>

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High Frequency Words



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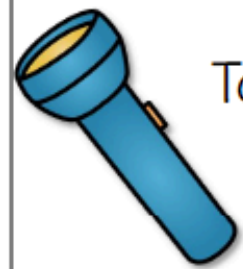
UFLI Heart Words
Lessons 1-68 (56 Words)

List 1	List 2	List 3	List 4	List 5	List 6
the	see	what	we	for	any
I	he	have	they	there	many
and	be	your	their	where	been
a	me	want	were	who	into
is	from	go	talk	by	friend
as	look	no	walk	my	because
said	book	so	could	one	
to	are	goes	would	once	
do	was	says	should	two	
of	you	she	or	does	

Practicing at Home

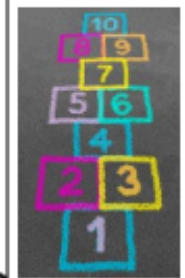
Learning Sight Words

Sight word mastery is crucial for your child's success as a reader. Many sight words cannot be sounded out (decoded). Therefore, they must be memorized. Sight words also represent some of the most common words in written language. Students will encounter them over and over on a daily basis, so mastery of them will aid students in fluent reading. How can you help your child master sight words? Here are some fun ways:



Flashlight Words:

Tape word cards on the ceiling or wall. Turn out the lights, and have your child shine a flashlight on the word and read it.



Hopscotch:

Make a hopscotch board with sidewalk chalk and write sight words in the boxes. Have your child hop and read the words.



Password:

Make a Sight Word Password for each room in your house. Tape the sign on the door. Your child must read the word to enter the room.



Word Race:

Use a sand timer or stopwatch. Have your child read the sight word list and time himself. Do it again and try to beat the previous time.



Clap, Spell, Chant:

Clap the word, spell it letter by letter as you clap, then chant the word again!



Sweet and Salty Words:

Pour Salt or Sugar in a plastic shoe tub. Have students use a finger to write sight words in the salt or sugar then read the word.



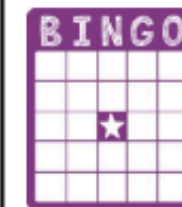
Magnetic Words:

Use magnetic letters to spell sight words. Leave out a letter and have your child guess the missing letter.



Scoop the Sight Words:

Write sight words on index cards and bury in sand, corn kernels, etc. Have your child use a scoop to get a sight word and read it.



Sight Word Bingo:

Randomly write sight words on a bingo board. Call out a word and have your child find it and place a bingo chip, color square, etc. on it.



Sight Word Fishing:

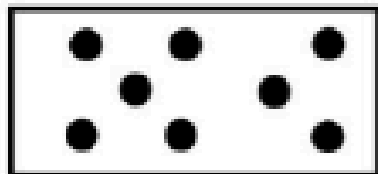
Print colored card stock fish. Write a sight word on each fish, and attach a magnet to it. Use a fishing line on a dowel rod to "fish" for and read words.

Kindergarten Math

Math

Early Counting Strategies

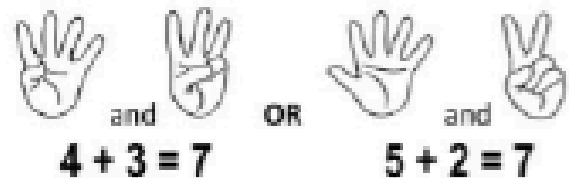
Dot Cards



The goal for students is to be able to count all, count on or rearrange the dots in order to add. In this example, a child may start with seeing five dots and count on three more dots to see a total of eight dots. It is also possible to see two groups of three dots to make six dots and then add two more dots to get eight dots.

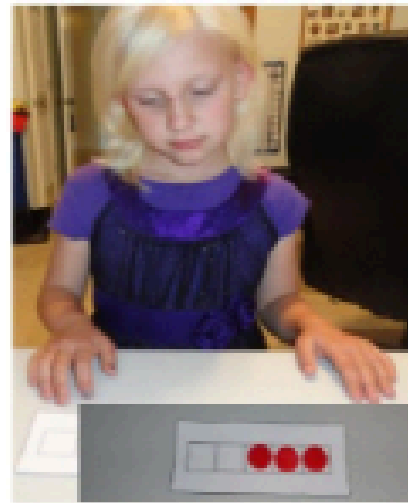
Math Hands

Making 7

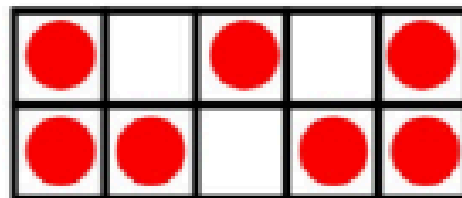


Kindergarteners build numbers using their fingers. They show different combinations or ways to make a number. In this example, the student made 7 with 4 fingers and 3 fingers as well as with 5 fingers and 2 fingers.

Five-Frames



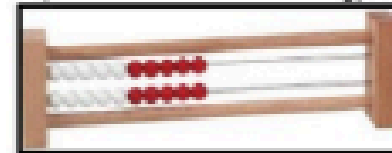
Ten-Frames



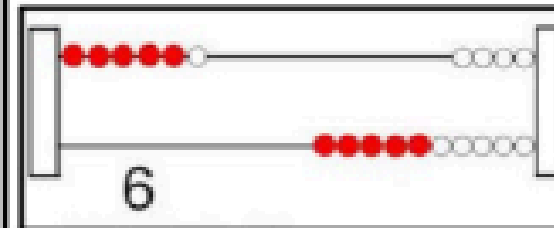
The goal for Kindergarteners is to be able to recognize dot arrangements in varying patterns on five- and ten-frames. The use of five- and ten-frames fosters instant recognition of sets of objects (subitization), fluency and computation with addition and subtraction. In the above example, the student may see three dots on the top row and four dots on the bottom row to recognize seven dots. They may also see seven as two groups of three dots and one more dot.

Rekenreks

(Beads used for counting)



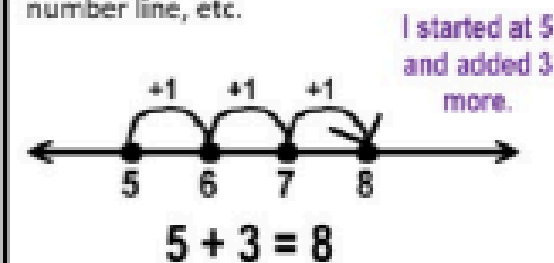
The goal for students is to be able to quickly recognize the quantity of beads using their understanding of 5. The use of rekenreks fosters subitization, fluency, and computation with addition and subtraction.



In the above example, the child should see the number 6 as 5 red beads and 1 white bead.

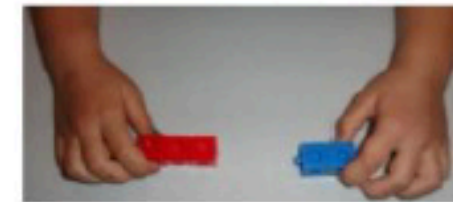
Counting On

When adding $3 + 5$, children are encouraged to start with the largest number and count on as this is more efficient than counting all. A child can do this in many ways – counters, buttons, a number line, etc.



Solving problems

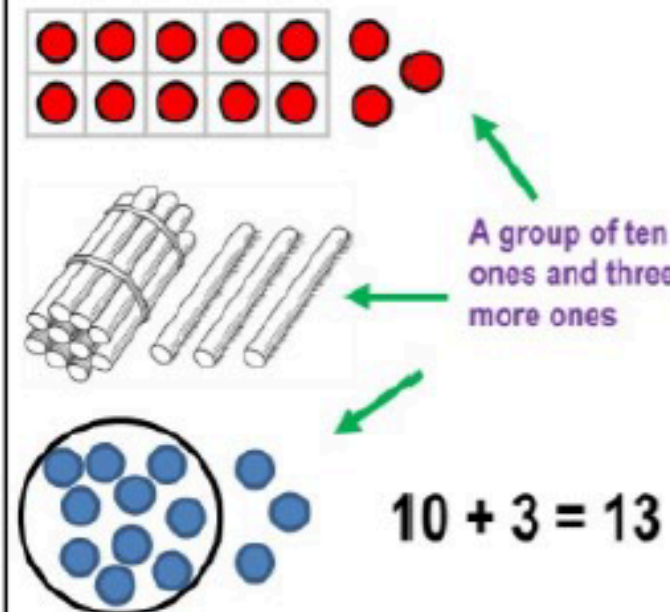
Children will solve simple word problems. In this example, the child used red and blue cubes to understand and solve the problem.



There are some children in a group. Three (3) of the students are girls and two (2) are boys. How many children are in the group?

Working with the Teens Numbers 11 - 19

Numbers from 11 to 19 should be seen as a group of ten ones and some more ones. Kindergarteners record this using a drawing or equation.



Geometry

Along with counting, geometry is another focal area for kindergarten students. They will work with both plane and solid figures as well as learn to identify and describe shapes such as squares, circles, triangles, rectangles, hexagons, cubes, cones, cylinders, and spheres in their environment. They will be able to recognize these shapes regardless of orientation or size.



Kindergarten students should be exposed to addition and subtraction equations. Students are encouraged to write equations, however, it is not required.

A Typical Kindergarten Day



Snack

Specials

Literacy
120 minutes

Lunch

Recess

Math
90 minutes

Science
Social Studies
Health

Specials



Art



Music

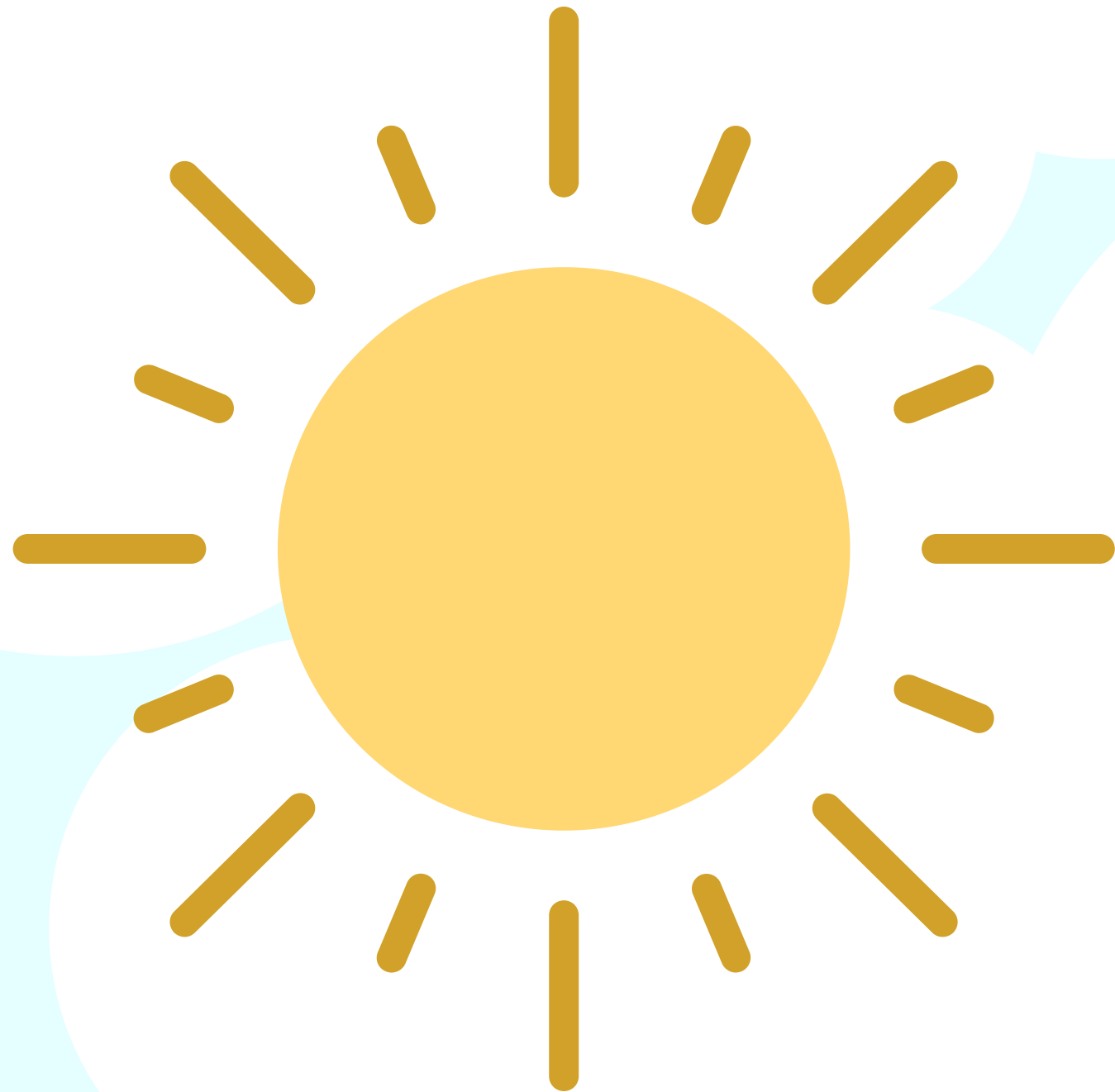


PE



Technology

What should we work on this summer?



You're on your way to K!

The transition to kindergarten is respected as a major milestone not only for the child, but for his or her family as well. The attitude towards school and learning that the child carries with them for life is often determined by this very first experience with school. A smooth transition to kindergarten can help make sure your child is successful in school.

The information provided below is designed to help you prepare your children for their school experience.

You bet, I'm ready for K!

Personal Needs Without help, can they...

- ___ Put on and take off coat
- ___ Tie their own shoes
- ___ Wash their hands
- ___ Snap, button, zip, and buckle

Social Skills Can they ...

- ___ Listen to an adult & follow simple instructions
- ___ Cooperate with other children
- ___ Sit for short periods of time
- ___ Follow simple two-step directions

Intellectual Skills Do your children...

- ___ Sit and listen to a story
- ___ Hold a book upright and turn the pages
- ___ Know their first and last name
- ___ Tell and retell familiar stories
- ___ Know colors, shapes and sizes
- ___ Counts 0-10

Intellectual Skills {continued}

- ___ Saying the ABC's
- ___ Holds scissors & pencil appropriately
- ___ Recognizes and writes first name (remember-use capital letter for the first letter in a name.) M-a-t-t, not M-A-T-T
- ___ Recognizes the letters within their name

To help with a smooth transition into kindergarten you can follow these additional helpful ideas, provide opportunities to play with other children, teach your children socially acceptable ways to disagree, and encourage social values such as helpfulness, cooperation, sharing and concern for others.

•Additional Resources•



The Leap Frog Letter Factory DVD is a fun and engaging way to teach children the letters and the sounds of the alphabet.



Starfall.com has several free educational videos and games for teaching children the letters of the alphabet, and more!



Kindergarten Screenings



<https://tinyurl.com/keskscreening2025>