

Pre-School Skills

Skills to practice to be successful in pre-school

WELCOME

We are very excited to have you joining the Metropolitan Arts Academy! To help prepare your student for the upcoming school year there are some things you can do at home. Please see below for some items you can [have your student work this summer](#) on as they get ready for pre-school.



Language Skills

- Encourage them to explore and name objects, animals, colors, and shapes.
- Engage them in activities that involve listening to stories, songs, or simple conversations.
- Encourage them to describe objects, share their thoughts & feelings, and engage in conversations with others.
- Activities like rhyming, clapping syllables, and identifying beginning



Cognitive Skills

- Correctly name familiar colors.
- Understand the idea of same and different, start comparing sizes.
- Follow three part commands.
- Remember parts of a story.
- Understand time better (for example: morning, afternoon, night)
- Can count along with help, although making some mistakes.
- Sort objects by shape, color, and size.



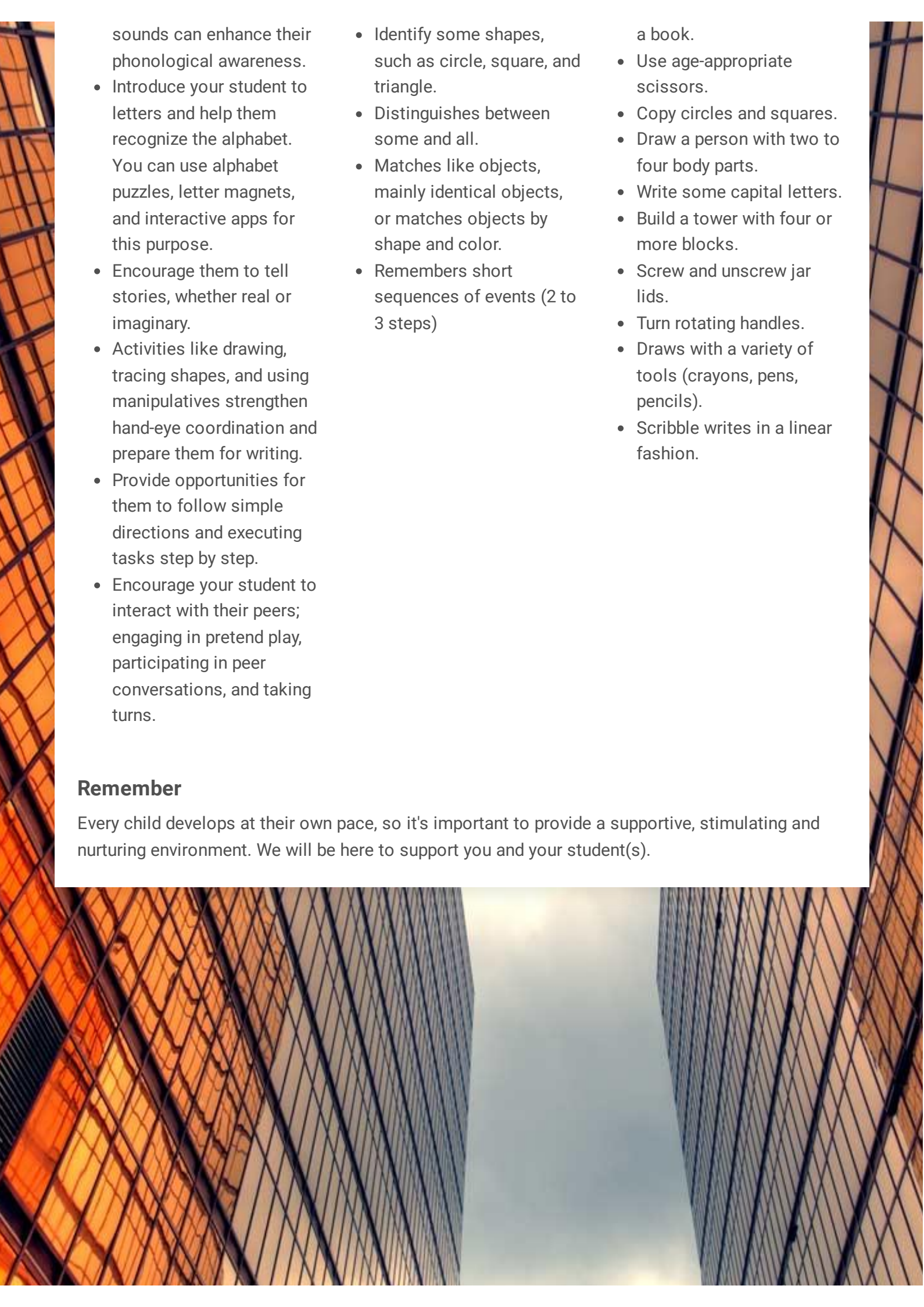
Gross Motor Skills / Fine Motor Skills

Gross Motor Skills

- Walk up and down stairs, alternating feet - one foot per step.
- Kick, throw, and catch a ball.
- Run more confidently.
- Ride a tricycle.
- Hop and stand on one foot for up to five seconds.
- Bend over without falling.

Fine Motor Skills

- More easily handle small objects and turn a page in



sounds can enhance their phonological awareness.

- Introduce your student to letters and help them recognize the alphabet. You can use alphabet puzzles, letter magnets, and interactive apps for this purpose.
- Encourage them to tell stories, whether real or imaginary.
- Activities like drawing, tracing shapes, and using manipulatives strengthen hand-eye coordination and prepare them for writing.
- Provide opportunities for them to follow simple directions and executing tasks step by step.
- Encourage your student to interact with their peers; engaging in pretend play, participating in peer conversations, and taking turns.

- Identify some shapes, such as circle, square, and triangle.
- Distinguishes between some and all.
- Matches like objects, mainly identical objects, or matches objects by shape and color.
- Remembers short sequences of events (2 to 3 steps)

a book.

- Use age-appropriate scissors.
- Copy circles and squares.
- Draw a person with two to four body parts.
- Write some capital letters.
- Build a tower with four or more blocks.
- Screw and unscrew jar lids.
- Turn rotating handles.
- Draws with a variety of tools (crayons, pens, pencils).
- Scribble writes in a linear fashion.

Remember

Every child develops at their own pace, so it's important to provide a supportive, stimulating and nurturing environment. We will be here to support you and your student(s).