

# KINDERGARTEN

SEPTEMBER 2024

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING THIS MONTH

### LANGUAGE ARTS:

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Mastering blending will prepare students for the letter-sound correspondences they will study in Unit 3.

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### MATH:

In Kindergarten, we will be focusing on developing strong number sense, with activities that help students count, recognize, and represent numbers up to 30. In literacy, students have been practicing writing strokes, blending sounds, and identifying beginning sounds to build a foundation for reading and writing. We're thrilled with their progress and excited to see them continue growing!

### SCIENCE:

All objects have physical properties, such as color, shape, texture, and size, which are independent of each other. These properties allow objects to be described, compared, and observed. Two different objects may share some physical properties while differing in others.

## HOW YOU COULD HELP AT HOME

### READ DAILY:

Set aside time each day to read with your child. Reading together builds vocabulary, comprehension, and a love of books. Ask questions about the story to encourage thinking and discussion.

### INCORPORATE LEARNING INTO EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES:

Use daily tasks like cooking, shopping, or driving as opportunities to practice counting, letter recognition, or identifying shapes and colors.

### PRACTICE WRITING:

Encourage your child to practice writing their name, letters, and numbers. Use fun materials like chalk, markers, or finger paints to keep it engaging.

### ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE:

Allow your child to take on small responsibilities, like packing their backpack or choosing their clothes. This builds confidence and self-reliance, which are important for school success.

## HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR ACADEMIC SUPPORT

### STARFALL

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## LO QUE ESTAMOS APRENDIENDO ESTE MES

### ARTES DEL LENGUAJE:

**Habilidades:** En la Unidad 2, los estudiantes se concentrarán en combinar sonidos del habla, incluidas sílabas y fonemas individuales, para formar palabras. Esta habilidad es crucial para la lectura y sirve como base para decodificar palabras impresas. Dominar la combinación preparará a los estudiantes para las correspondencias entre letras y sonidos que estudiarán en la Unidad 3.

**Conocimiento:** En esta unidad, los estudiantes explorarán los cinco sentidos (vista, oído, olfato, gusto y tacto) y cómo nos ayudan a comprender el mundo. Practicarán la realización de observaciones y el uso del lenguaje para describirlas, desarrollando habilidades científicas clave. En lecciones posteriores, se presentarán historias de Ray Charles y Helen Keller, destacando cómo las personas pueden superar los desafíos relacionados con la ceguera y la sordera.

### MATEMÁTICAS:

Esta unidad se centra en desarrollar habilidades numéricas tempranas, que incluyen contar y comparar números hasta diez. Los estudiantes se concentrarán en descomponer números hasta cinco. Estas actividades ayudarán a desarrollar su comprensión de las relaciones entre números.

### CIENCIA:

Todos los objetos tienen propiedades físicas, como color, forma, textura y tamaño, que son independientes entre sí. Estas propiedades permiten describir, comparar y observar los objetos. Dos objetos diferentes pueden compartir algunas propiedades físicas y diferir en otras.

## CÓMO PODRÍAS AYUDAR EN CASA

### LEER DIARIAMENTE:

Reserve un momento cada día para leer con su hijo. Leer juntos aumenta el vocabulario, la comprensión y el amor por los libros. Haga preguntas sobre la historia para estimular la reflexión y el debate.

### INCORPORAR EL APRENDIZAJE A LAS ACTIVIDADES COTIDIANAS:

Utilice tareas diarias como cocinar, ir de compras o conducir como oportunidades para practicar el conteo, el reconocimiento de letras o la identificación de formas y colores.

### PRACTICA LA ESCRITURA:

Anime a su hijo a practicar la escritura de su nombre, letras y números. Utilice materiales divertidos como tiza, marcadores o pinturas para dedos para mantener la actividad entretenida.

### FOMENTAR LA INDEPENDENCIA:

Permita que su hijo asuma pequeñas responsabilidades, como preparar su mochila o elegir su ropa. Esto le dará confianza y autonomía, que son importantes para el éxito escolar.

## SITIOS WEB ÚTILES PARA OBTENER APOYO ACADÉMICO

### LLUVIA DE ESTRELLAS

Un sitio web popular con juegos y actividades interactivas que se centran en la fonética, la lectura y las matemáticas. Perfecto para que los estudiantes más pequeños exploren las letras, los sonidos y los números.

### ABCIA

Incluye juegos educativos gratuitos para niños que cubren lectura, matemáticas y otros temas, haciendo que el aprendizaje sea divertido e interactivo.

### COHETES DE LECTURA

Ofrece recursos y consejos gratuitos para que los padres ayuden a desarrollar las habilidades de lectura de sus hijos, incluidos artículos, videos e ideas de actividades para la alfabetización temprana.

## DESAFÍO DE SEPTIEMBRE DE JARDÍN DE INFANTES

Este mes, desafiamos a las familias de nuestro jardín de infantes a emprender una "Aventura del alfabeto" con sus hijos.

Así es como funciona:

**Objetivo:** Ayude a su hijo a encontrar objetos en su casa o vecindario que comiencen con cada letra del alfabeto. Por ejemplo, A for apple, B for book, C for car, and so on.

**Cómo participar:**

Elija una o dos letras en las que centrarse cada día.

Busque objetos o elementos que comiencen con esas letras.

Hable sobre el sonido que hace cada letra y cómo comienza la palabra.

¡Haz una lista, toma fotografías o dibuja lo que encuentres!

**Desafío adicional:** si encuentras las 26 letras, lleva tu lista o fotos para compartirlas con la clase. ¡Celebraremos juntos tu "Aventura del alfabeto"!

Este desafío es una forma divertida de reforzar el reconocimiento de letras y sonidos mientras exploras el mundo que te rodea. ¡Feliz búsqueda!