

Incoming Kindergarten Summer Packet

This packet includes recommendations and activities for families to complete with their incoming kindergartener over the summer. Practicing these skills will help your child with a smooth transition into our kindergarten program. We're thrilled to have your family at Gehring Academy and look forward to a continued partnership.

This packet includes:

- Skills to practice **before** entering kindergarten
- Calendar of daily academic and social activities
- Tracing page for uppercase and lowercase letters
- Tracing page for the numbers 0-9
- Name writing practice page
- Sight Words/Tips to teach sight words
- What Kids Are Reading-Kindergarten article

Please print copies of the practice pages and use them as needed. If you do not have access to a printer, please call Gehring Academy 702-799-6899. Copies will be available in the front office.



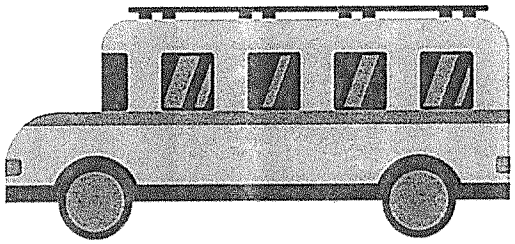
Please practice the following skills before starting kindergarten:

1. Hold a pencil and crayon correctly
2. Write first name correctly (first letter uppercase and the rest lowercase)
3. Write/Trace letters A-Z uppercase and lowercase
4. If technology is available, practice using a mouse or trackpad
5. Follow 2 step directions
6. Hold a book correctly
7. Count orally 0-20
8. Count sets of objects up to 10
9. Practice manners: saying please and thank you
10. Discuss similarities and differences between school and home (ex: rules, environment, and expectations)
11. Discuss consequences to choices (both positive and negative)
12. Practice opening and closing food containers independently
13. Practice zipping/unzipping backpacks and sweaters
14. Practice buttoning and unbuttoning clothing independently (including belts and overalls)
15. Practice using a tissue independently as needed
16. Practice eating lunch in 25 minutes



LET'S GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

JUNE 2024

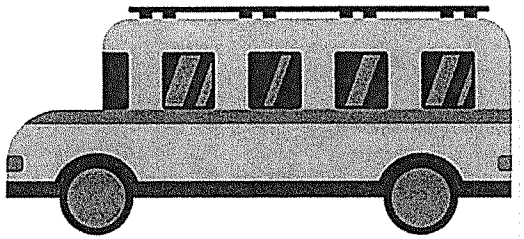


SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Sing your ABC's. Can you find and identify any letters in your home? Go on a letter hunt!
2 Play Duck Duck Goose outside! You are it first!	3 Write or trace your name 5 times. Can you make it start with a capital letter? We think you can!	4 Visit Starfall.com Explore the letters and listen to a story! Can you retell the beginning, middle and end?	5 How high can you count? Try for 10! Challenge: Count to 20!	6 Visit a playground! Can you practice safety rules?	7 Visit PBSkids.org Play some reading games! Don't have a computer? Visit a library!	8 Go for a walk. Can you find at least 5 flowers? Count them!
9 Can you cut in a straight line? Cut in a circle? Cut in a square? Try to cut shapes!	10 Sing your ABC's. Can you find and identify any letters in your home? Go on a letter hunt!	11 Can you draw 5 things that are your favorite color?	12 Write or trace your name 5 times. Can you make it start with a capital letter? We think you can!	13 Curl up and read a book. Who is your favorite character?	14 Can you write your numbers 0-10? Practice and show off your work!	15 Think of a color. Find something with that color! Play "I Spy" with your family.
16 Have a race! Who will win? The winner can choose a healthy snack!	17 Write or trace your name 5 times. Can you make it start with a capital letter? We think you can!	18 How high can you count? Try for 20! Challenge: Count to 100!	19 Visit PBSkids.org Play some reading games! Don't have a computer? Visit a library!	20 Can you cut in a straight line? Cut in a circle? Cut in a square? Try to cut shapes!	21 Curl up and read a book. Who is your favorite character?	22 Go for a walk. Can you find at least 10 trees? Count them!
23 Go for a walk. How many animals can you find? Count them! 30 Can you cut in a straight line? Cut in a circle? Cut in a square? Try to cut shapes!	24 How high can you count? Try for 20! Challenge: Count to 100!	25 Write or trace your name 5 times. Can it start with a capital letter? We think you can!	26 Sing your ABC's. Can you find and identify any letters in your home? Go on a letter hunt!	27 Visit Starfall.com Explore the letters and listen to a story! Can you retell the beginning, middle and end?	28 Write or trace your name 5 times. Can you make it start with a capital letter? We think you can!	29 Curl up and read a book. Who is your favorite character?



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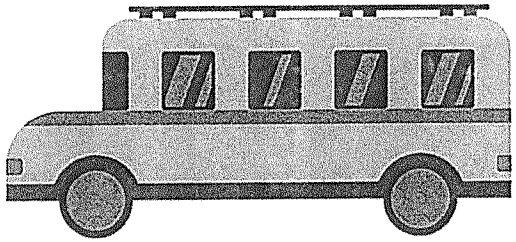


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	1 Play hide & go seek! You hide first!	2 Think of a color. Find something with that color! Play "I Spy" with your family.	3 Write or trace your name 5 times. Can you make it start with a capital letter? We think you can!	4 How many fireworks can you count in the sky tonight?	5 Can you write your numbers 1-10? Show off your hard work!	6 Have some play dough or slime? Make letters and numbers. Don't have slime? Look up a recipe and make some.
7 How high can you count? Try for 20! Challenge: Count to 100!	8 Visit PBSkids.org Play some math games! Don't have a computer? Visit a library!	9 Go for a walk. How many bugs can you find? Count them!	10 Curl up and read a book. Who is your favorite character?	11 Can you tie your shoes? Practice with your family!	12 Visit PBSkids.org Play some science games! Don't have a computer? Visit a library!	13 Can you hold your crayons and pencil correctly? Draw a picture and write your name at the top!
14 Write or trace your name 5 times. Can you make it start with a capital letter? We think you can!	15 Go to a park and practice safety rules.	16 Grab the garden hose and play water games!	17 Have some play dough or slime? Make letters and numbers. Don't have slime? Look up a recipe and make some.	18 How high can you count? Try for 20! Challenge: Count to 100!	19 Can you write your numbers 1-10? Show off your hard work!	20 Write or trace your name 5 times. Can you make it start with a capital letter? We think you can!
21 Have a bubble party! Don't have bubbles? Try making your own!	22 How many plants can you find in your backyard or at a park?	23 Practice getting dressed and ready for the day by yourself. Can use zip and button without assistance?	24 Visit Starfall.com Explore the letters and numbers games. Don't have a computer? Visit a library!	25 Write or trace your name 5 times. Can you make it start with a capital letter? We think you can!	26 Sing your ABC's. Can you find and identify any letters in your home? Go on a letter hunt!	27 How high can you count? Try for 20! Challenge: Count to 100!
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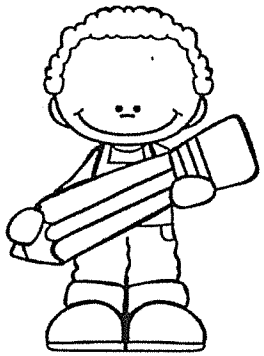
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Listen to your favorite story. Can you find and name any letters in the book?	2 Decide on a lunch plan. School lunch or lunch from home? Practice opening/closing many items without assistance!	3 Draw your teacher a picture! Bring it on the first day of school
4 Visit Scratchjr.org and download the app. Try coding Scratch Cat to move!	5 Can you tie your shoes? Practice with your family!	6 Practice getting dressed and ready for the day by yourself. Can use zip and button without assistance?	7 Sing your ABC's. Can you find and identify any letters in your home? Go on a letter hunt!	8 Go for a walk. How many bugs can you find? Count them!	9 Write or trace your name 5 times. Can you make it start with a capital letter? We think you can!	10 Grab the garden hose and play water games!
11 Go on the Gehring website, find your teacher under "contact us". Find the video she recorded for you entitled "The Night Before Kindergarten"	12 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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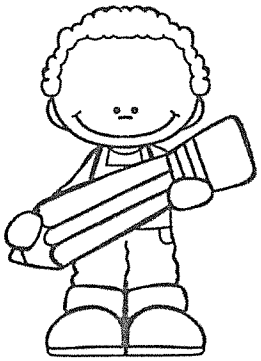
I can write my name!



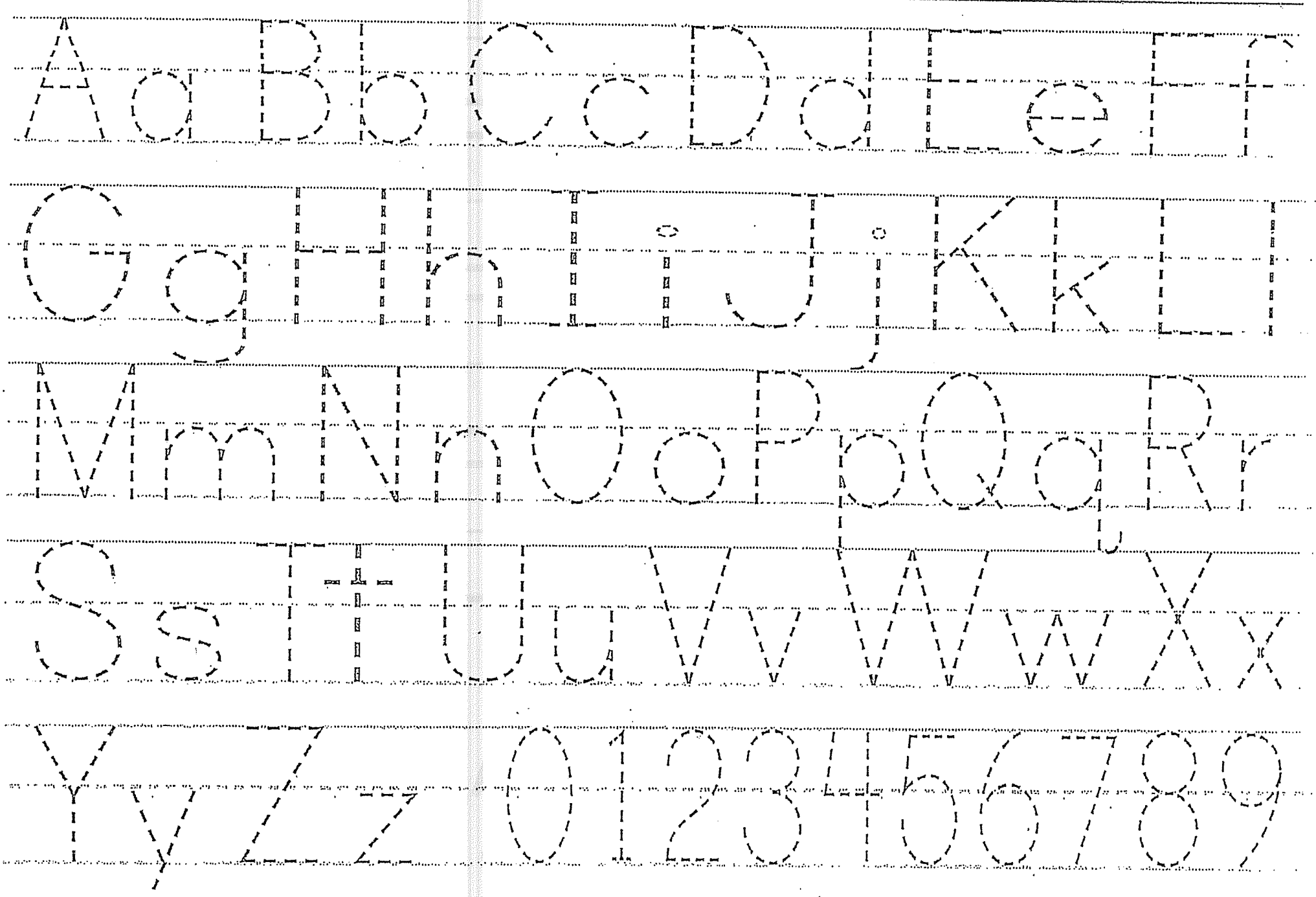
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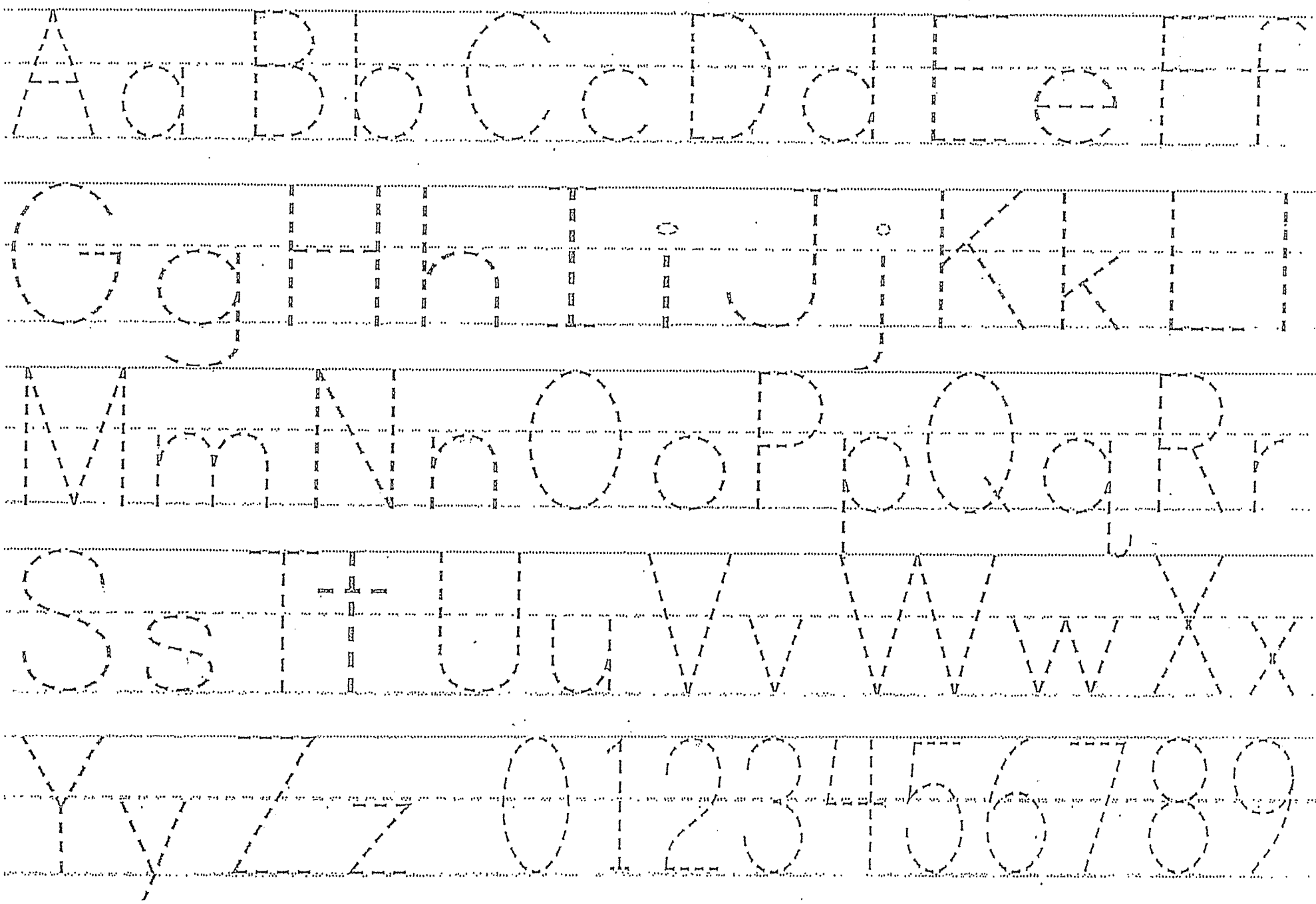
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G g H h I i J j K k L l
M m N n O o P p Q q R r
S s T t U u V v W w X x
Y y Z z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll
Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr
Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx
Yy Zz 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

First 50 Sight-Words List

the	as	but	she
of	with	not	do
and	his	what	how
a	they	all	their
to	I	were	if
in	at	we	
is	be	when	
you	this	your	
that	have	can	
it	from	said	
he	or	there	
was	one	use	
for	had	an	
on	by	each	
are	word	which	

These sight words are expected to be mastered by the end of kindergarten.

You can begin practicing them over the summer if your child has mastered learning their letter names and sounds.

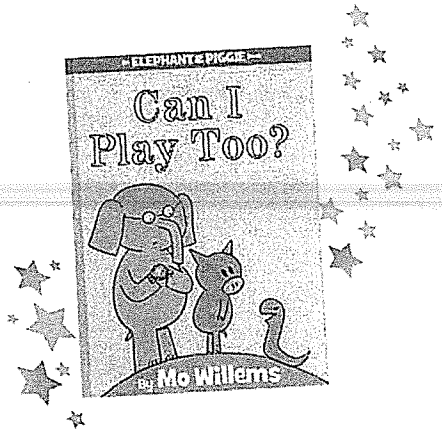
Help Your Child Learn Sight Words

1. Just write the words on sticky notes and have your child cover the words on a dry-erase board! https://thekindergartenconnection.com/sticky-note-sight-word-match/
2. Grab alphabet stamps and some play dough for this simple sight word activity. https://thekindergartenconnection.com/simple-tools-for-making-words-with-play-dough/
3. Write the words on sticky notes. Then have your child write them in the sand.
4. Teach sight word songs. You can find song ideas on YouTube.
5. Write the words on sticky notes. Then have your child swat each sight word with a fly swatter as you name it!
6. Do fun actions with your sight words with This Reading Mama's free action cards. https://thisreadingmama.com/free-sight-word-action-cards/
7. Write sight words in play dough with a stick or wooden skewer.
8. Try chanting sight words in a variety of different ways – like a robot, a cheerleader, and more!
9. Make a sight word memory game. Just write each sight word on two different index cards. Then turn the cards over and invite your child to find the matches.
10. Build words with letter tiles.
11. Learning is always more fun with dice! Grab these free rainbow roll & write pages for a variety of sight words. Kids roll a die, check the key at the top of the page, and write the word in a particular color. https://thisreadingmama.com/rainbow-write-sight-words/
12. Print and play sight word blackout. https://thisreadingmama.com/sight-word-blackout/
13. Simply write your child's sight words on a piece of paper and have him stamp them with alphabet stamps.
14. Grab the play dough, a sheet protector, and a dry-erase marker. Your child can build the word with play dough and write it on lined paper.
15. Get some colorful craft sticks and write the words with a permanent marker for some simple sight word puzzles. https://thisreadingmama.com/popsicle-stick-sight-word-puzzles/
16. Write sight words in muffin tin liners and play a simple game of Three in a Row. https://growingbookbybook.com/muffin-tin-reading-games/
17. Make a sight word parking lot. Draw tiny parking spots on a piece of poster board, and write a sight word in each one. As you name the words, have your child park a toy car in each spot.
18. Practice writing sight words using a dry-erase marker on a dry-erase board.
19. Write sight words on craft sticks and provide some magnetic letters for this portable sight word activity. https://iheartcraftythings.com/word-building-activity-travel-kit.html
20. Where's the bear? Write the words on paper cups and hide a small bear or another tiny object. Your child guesses where the bear is hiding by naming the word on the cup.
21. Go on a simple sight word hunt by matching the sticky note sight words to the words on a clipboard.

-Ideas are taken from https://www.themeasuredmom.com/25-low-prep-sight-word-activities/

Grade K

During the 2021–2022 school year, 142,489 kindergartners read about 20 print books and 9,494 words each. Overall, 49% of these books were read to kids, 22% were read with kids, and 29% were read independently. In total, 407,076 kindergartners spent time reading digitally.

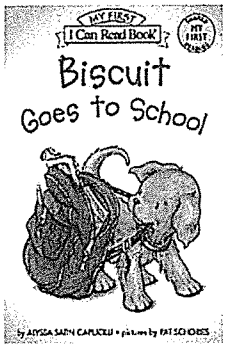


Celebrating 15 Years of What Kids Are Reading

Gerald and Piggie debuted on the original top books list for kindergarten in 2018 with **Can I Play Too?** and continue to captivate early readers every year, this time ranking #4.

Can I Play Too? SP
Mo Willems (0.6, LG, 180L)

Top Print Titles



Biscuit Goes to School, follows the bus, and tries to join in the fun. This favorite has ranked #1 every year we have reported kindergarten data (since 2017), except when *Green Eggs and Ham* topped this list in 2021.

1. **Biscuit Series** SP
   Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.7–1.6, LG, 140L–500L)
2. **Dr. Seuss Collection** SP
   Dr. Seuss (0.6–5.2, LG, 180L–1000L)
3. **The Pigeon Series** SP
   Mo Willems (0.7–1.5, LG, 280L–470L)
4. **Elephant and Piggie Series**
   Mo Willems (0.5–1.4, LG, 40L–330L)
5. **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** SP
   Eric Carle (2.9, LG, 460L)
6. **Pete the Cat Series**
   James Dean (1.2–4.3, LG, 160L–640L)
7. **Big Egg**
   Molly Coxe (0.4, LG, 220L)
8. **David Series** SP
   David Shannon (0.9, LG, 210L)
9. **See Me . . . Series**
   Paul Meisel (0.3–0.5, LG, 80L–100L)
10. **Itchy, Itchy Chicken Pox** SP
    Grace Maccarone (0.7, LG, 280L)

Popular Digital Books

1. **Megalodon** NF SP
   Janet Riehecky (1.6, LG, 450L)
2. **Fast Cars** NF
   Barbara Alpert (2.9, LG, 710L)
3. **Cats** NF
   Lisa J. Amstutz (1.0, LG, 300L)
4. **Dogs** NF
   Lisa J. Amstutz (0.9, LG, 280L)
5. **Nap Time for Kitty** NF
   Michael Dahl (0.7, LG, 300L)



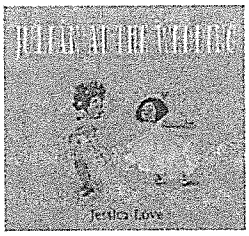
Authentic Spanish Literature

Authentic Spanish texts written for native speakers can help students make real-life connections, develop deeper vocabulary and linguistic understanding, and grow cultural appreciation.

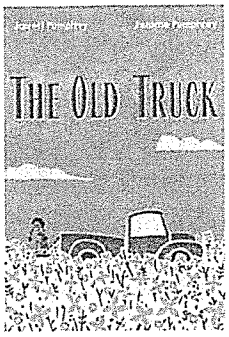
- **El papalote**
  Alma Flor Ada (1.1, LG, 180L)
- **Alma y cómo obtuvo su nombre**
  Juana Martinez-Neal (1.9, LG)
- **La selva de Zonia**
  Juana Martinez-Neal (1.9, LG)
- **Arroz con leche: un poema para cocinar**
  Jorge Argueta (2.2, LG, 620L)
- **Juan Bobo busca trabajo**
  Marisa Montes (2.7, LG)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Themes

When our differences are recognized and appreciated, safe and healthy communities can thrive. Consider these titles to begin conversations with students about inclusion and understanding.



Julián at the Wedding
Jessica Love
(0.8, LG)



The Old Truck
Jarrett Pumphrey
(1.2, LG, 260L)



In Demand Audio

Our digital platform, which places an entire library at students' fingertips, makes reading even more accessible with optional natural-voice audio narration that highlights text as students listen along.

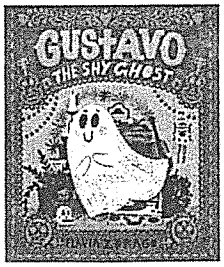
The Long Train Ride
Melinda Melton Crow (1.0, LG, 150L) 1m 19s

Little Lizard's First Day
Melinda Melton Crow (0.9, LG, 180L) 1m 42s

Scooby-Doo! and the Truth Behind Zombies NF
Terry Collins (3.0, LG, 560L) 5m 43s



We Are Water Protectors
Carole Lindstrom
(1.9, LG, 510L)



Gustavo, the Shy Ghost
Flavia Z. Drago
(2.5, LG, 550L)

Create a Custom Report

Use *What Kids Are Reading* data to customize booklists for individual students or groups, filtered by state, grade, reading level, and more.