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SEPTEMBER PRE-K 2

Links to Home: Shared Activities for Parents & Children

This month, your child will use adjectives to describe people and objects, finish incomplete sentences in poems and nursery rhymes, and learn about tempo in music.

Here are some suggested activities to practice these skills with your child:

- Sing a favorite nursery rhyme to your child. Leave out key words or phrases, and have him complete the sentence or phrase.
- Turn on the radio and ask your child to describe each song's tempo. Listen for words such as fast, slow and quick.
- While grocery shopping, ask your child to use adjectives to describe a variety of fruits and vegetables. Listen for words that describe texture, size, shape and color.





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OCTOBER PRE-K 2

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This month, your child will retell stories including the main characters and events, build subtraction skills, and use a journal to communicate her thoughts and ideas.

Here are some suggested activities to practice these skills with your child:

- Ask your child to “read” a familiar book aloud to you. See if she can tell the story in proper sequence and with relevant detail.
- Place five socks in front of your child. Ask her to count how many socks she sees. Take a few socks away and have her recount them. Repeat the activity by varying the number of socks that you remove.
- Start a journal with your child. Have her draw a picture of something that happened during the day. Next to the picture, have her try to write some words that relate to it. Inventive spelling is appropriate at this age.





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NOVEMBER PRE-K 2

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This month, your child will connect events in stories to his own life experiences, identify numerals 0 to 59 on a digital clock, and learn the roles of various community helpers.

Here are some suggested activities to practice these skills with your child:

- Read a favorite story with your child. Afterwards, ask him to describe a time when he was in a similar situation to that of the main character.
- Show your child a digital clock. Ask him to tell you what numbers he sees. If your child reads the numbers separately (i.e. 5 and 9 instead of 59), prompt him by saying, "What is that number together?" Encourage him to tell you the time by saying "Eleven dot dot fifty-nine, the time is eleven fifty-nine."
- Take a drive with your child and play a game of I Spy. Ask him to identify different community helpers, for example, police officers, firefighters and postal workers. Then, have him describe each person's role.





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DECEMBER PRE-K 2

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This month, your child will give verbal clues to describe objects, count from 1 to 100, and order the days of the week and months of the years sequentially.

Here are some suggested activities to practice these skills with your child:

- Hide an object behind your back. Describe it for your child until he guesses the item correctly. Reverse the game and let your child hide an item behind his back and provide you with verbal clues.
- Write the days of the week individually on seven index cards. Shuffle the cards and ask your child to place them in the correct order. Repeat this task with index cards of the 12 months.
- Take a walk with your child. Ask him to count his steps from 1 to 100.





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JANUARY PRE-K 2

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This month, your child will describe the similarities and differences between two stories, create her own short story and tell it aloud, and identify whether a group of objects is greater than, less than or equal to another group of objects.

Here are some suggested activities to practice these skills with your child:

- After reading two stories with your child, ask her to tell you how the two stories are similar. How are they different?
- Ask your child to make up her own short story and tell it aloud to you. Encourage her to include main characters and setting.
- Place a pile of baby carrots and a pile of grapes in front of your child. Ask her to compare the amount of items in each group. Listen for words such as more than, less than and equal to.





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FEBRUARY PRE-K 2

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This month, your child will use adjectives to describe settings, place objects in order by length, and add and subtract using concrete objects.

Here are some suggested activities to practice these skills with your child:

- Give five different art supplies to your child (i.e. eraser, pencil, crayon, scissors, marker). Ask her to place them in order by length.
- Take a drive with your child. Ask her to describe the outdoor setting by using adjectives.
- Create addition and subtraction activities for your child by using food or other small items. For example, place three grapes in front of your child. Add two more grapes and ask her, "If I have three grapes and add two more grapes, how many grapes do I have altogether?" Repeat the activity by taking away grapes.





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MARCH PRE-K 2

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This month, your child will sound out unfamiliar words independently, count by fives up to 25, and create and interpret a pie chart.

Here are some suggested activities to practice these skills with your child:

- While grocery shopping with your child, hand him an unfamiliar item. See if he can sound out the name on the label using his letter-sound knowledge.
- Gather some nickels and have your child count by fives to reach the total value of all the nickels.
- Empty your child's toy chest onto the floor. Have him sort the toys by color and then count each group. Ask him to create a pie chart from the counts and explain the chart to you.





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APRIL PRE-K 2

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This month, your child will retell stories, identify the different parts of a book (i.e. cover, title page, table of contents), and describe a five-step task in sequential order.

Here are some suggested activities to practice these skills with your child:

- Read a short story with your child. Afterwards, ask her to tell you the important events in sequential order. Prompt her with the key details that she may have omitted.
- Share a new book with your child. Ask her to find and identify various parts of the book, such as the cover, title page and table of contents.
- Bake cookies with your child. Ask her to tell you the steps to take in order to get the task completed.





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MAY PRE-K 2

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This month, your child will continue to build addition and subtraction skills, repeat patterns of five, and follow multi-step directions.

Here are some suggested activities to practice these skills with your child:

- Place up to 20 objects in front of your child, and challenge her with addition and subtraction problems. For example, "If I have 15 socks and I add one more sock to the group, how many socks do I now have?" Repeat the activity with different amounts.
- Say a series of five action words, such as clap, stomp, snap, jump and wiggle. See if your child can remember, perform and repeat the pattern.
- Ask your child to follow multi-step directions. For example, "Put away your toys, wash your hands, and sit down for dinner."





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JUNE PRE-K 2

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This month, your child will attempt to sound out unknown words in text, count by tens up to 100, and identify various forms of transportation.

Here are some suggested activities to practice these skills with your child:

- Read a favorite book with your child. Track the words as you read them. Encourage your child to read along with you.
- Take a drive with your child. Ask her to find and identify different forms of transportation (i.e. bus, train, car, plane).
- Gather some dimes and have your child count by tens to reach the total value of all the dimes.





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PRE-K 2

Dear Parent,

As our academic year comes to a close, we are pleased to celebrate how much your child has grown and learned over the past year. In this folder you will find a list of skills that we covered last month along with a sampling of your child's work.

Over this past school year, your child has grown and blossomed academically. Your child has developed early reading skills, including phonics and sight-word vocabulary, read simple sentences, and wrote using inventive spelling. In mathematics, your child learned addition and subtraction concepts, started to build fundamental multiplication concepts, and created bar and pie charts to understand information.

Your child has received a well-rounded preschool education that has included social studies, science, art, music and Spanish. She has also developed social skills and the ability to follow directions that will be important for success in kindergarten.

We thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with your child, celebrate her achievements, and experience her joy in learning. She is well prepared and ready for the transition to kindergarten.



Congratulations on your child's completion of the Links to Learning Pre-K 2 program!