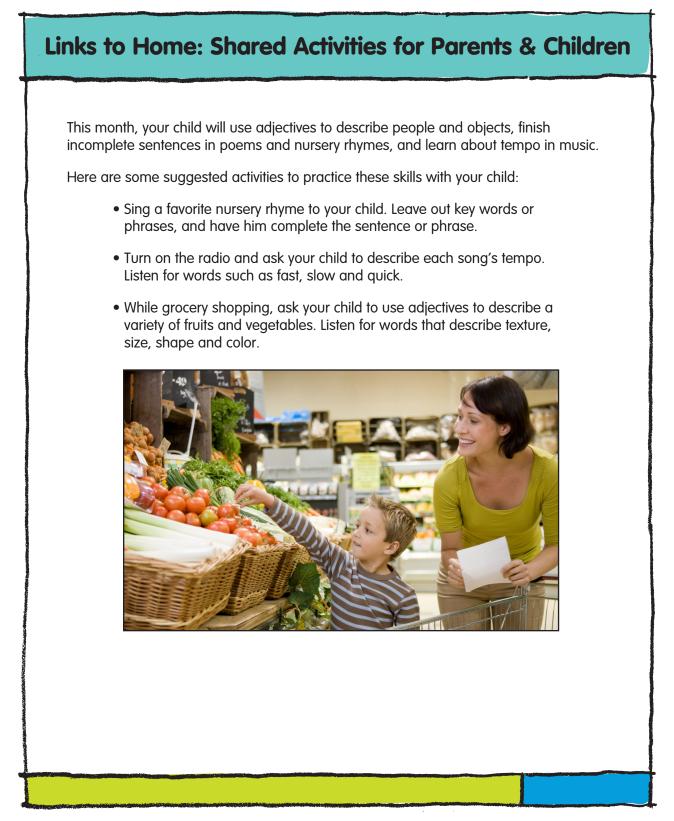


Links to Learning

SEPTEMBER PRE-K 2



Here's what your child experienced this month.

Each month's Links to Learning activities build on the month before, connecting previously learned skills with new learning. These activities include the essentials of language and math, along with a variety of other skills.



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SEPTEMBER – PRE-K 2	
Language and Literacy	Mathematics
COMMUNICATION	NUMBERS AND NUMBER SENSE
 Dictates stories Uses adjectives to describe people or objects Knows some opposite words Uses rhyming words Identifies rhyming words presented in pairs Finishes an incomplete sentence with an appropriate word Acts out words of similar meaning (run, walk, skip, march) 	 Recognizes numerals 1–50 Counts by tens Develops the concept of subtraction using five or fewer concrete objects Compares two numbers (1-20) when written as numerals Identifies whether the number of objects in one group is greater than, less than, or equal to the number of objects in another group
LITERACY	GEOMETRY AND RELATIONSHIPS
 Discusses major events in a story Identifies a variety of stories, poems, nursery rhymes, and other literary pieces Interprets story situations and predicts outcomes Compares how characters are similar in a book 	 Describes a five-step procedure in sequential order (getting dressed) Orders the months of the year Identifies and explains categories in sorting activities
 Identifies letters and the letter/sound relationship Reads/recognizes sight words 	PROBLEM SOLVING AND REASONING
WRITING • Uses a journal as a way to communicate ideas and thoughts through writing and drawing • Begins to use inventive spelling in writing • Writes the letters of the alphabet (uppercase and lowercase) • Copies short words • Writes numerals 1–50	 Completes 25+ piece puzzles Estimates the length of an object using nonstandard measurement units (How many "bears" long is the table?) Creates an original pattern using five objects Interprets a simple pie graph Describes how he/she solved a problem in his/her own way
	Science and Social Studies
🐨 Social-Emotional	SCIENCE
SELF-HELP SKILLS • Begins to tie shoes with support	 Explores how wind moves objects Identifies and graphs weather Predicts weather based on season
 Zips, buttons, and snaps clothing Maintains belongings in cubby or personal space 	SOCIAL STUDIES
 Asks for help when needed Separates easily from parents Learns to follow behavior expectations in centers Understands and follows basic table manners 	 Recognizes the American flag as a national symbol Participates in voting as a way of making choices Develops an awareness that a person's vote may change
SOCIAL INTERACTION	DIVERSITY
 Introduces self Maintains attention within a center for extended periods of time Uses manner words (please, thank you, excuse me) Begins to use patience when waiting a turn Labels emotions in self and others Initiates play with a variety of peers Refers to adults with proper title (Ms. Smith) 	 Talks about family Appreciates differences in customs of families Knows birthdate Knows address
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SEPTEMBER - PRE-K 2 (continued from front)

Wellness	Creative Expression
FINE MOTOR SKILLS	MUSIC AND MUSICIANS
 Cuts out shapes holding scissors appropriately Cuts along a zigzag line holding scissors appropriately Traces around a large object Pours from a pitcher without spilling Strings small beads to create a pattern Folds a square into triangles and rectangles Builds a structure with various sized and shaped blocks 	 Recognizes the musical sounds of different musical instruments Recognizes change in music tempo (fast, slow) Listens to music from various genres Recites and sings a variety of songs
	ART AND ARTISTS
Uses tongs to pick up small items GROSS MOTOR AND BALANCE Throws a ball overhand with some accuracy Throws a ball underhand with some accuracy Bounces a ball and catches it Kicks a rolling ball Jumps over a straight line Skips alternating feet	 Identifies some artists Draws complex pictures with various art materials Draws a non-stick figure person Colors or paints within a shape Creates a collage using natural materials
	DRAMATIC PLAY
	 Engages in pretend play connected to the weekly story/ stories Engages in pretend play dramatizing seasonal changes
HEALTH, SAFETY AND NUTRITION	• Dramatizes the movement of nature (wind, trees)
 Demonstrates an understanding of some playground safety rules Does simple exercises Sorts foods into simple food groups (vegetables, fruits, meats, grains) Identifies healthy living needs (exercise, sleep, nutrition) 	Digital Interactions
	 Identifies some forms of technology in the classroom Understands basic technology safety rules (safe handling) Uses and explores different types of technology
Ocitizens of the World	
 Introduced to new Spanish vocabulary Reviews previously acquired Spanish vocabulary Explores weather around the world 	