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Pre-K Summer Packet

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Hicksville Public Schools! This is sure to be an exciting time for you as your child begins their official journey to becoming a life-long learner.

The most important thing you can do to prepare your child for kindergarten is to give them the gift of your time. Enclosed in this packet are activities that you and your child can do together. Important concepts that will help your child in kindergarten include:

- Identify letters
- Identify letter sounds
- Identify and write his/her name
- Write letters and some words
- Recognize rhyming words
- Identify numerals
- Write numerals to 10
- Count objects to 10
- Recognize and name colors, shapes and patterns
- Draw a picture and tell about it

We are looking forward to learning and growing with your child this year. Have a happy and healthy summer!

Sincerely,

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Learning Activities for the Summer Months

For children transitioning to Kindergarten

PreKinders.com

Learning Activities for Summer

Literacy

Make a Writing Kit for your child to practice writing:

Pens	Colored Pencils	Thin Markers
Plain White Paper	Colored copy paper	Envelopes
Stapler (for making books)	Tape	Dry Erase Board
Magna Doodle	Notepads	Index Cards

Shaving Cream

Put a small amount of shaving cream on the table or on a tray. Spread it out and draw letters and numbers in the shaving cream with your finger. You may want to use a smock, but if it gets on clothes, it fades away after a few minutes. When it is time to clean up, rub the shaving cream until it disappears, then wash the table or tray.

Pipe Cleaner Letters

Use pipe cleaners (a.k.a. chenille stems) to form letters by bending them.

Letter Memory Game

Place 2-4 letter magnets (or cards with the letters written on them) on a tray. Cover them up with a cloth and take one away. Uncover the cloth, and ask your child which one is missing. You can also have your child write the letter on a piece of paper or dry erase board.

Name

Write your child's name on a piece of construction paper in large letters. Glue on yarn, beans or glitter. (ALWAYS, use an uppercase letter for the first letter of a name, but write the rest in lowercase letters.)

Letter Sound Basket

Give your child a basket and ask him or her to collect objects from around the house that begin with a particular letter.

Mystery Sound Bag

Place 3 or 4 objects that begin with a particular letter in a bag. For example, bowl, ball, block, book for the letter B. Have your child pull the items out one at the time and identify the beginning letter.

Erase-the-Rhyme

Draw a picture on a dry erase board and ask your child to erase things that rhyme. For example, draw a house, and ask your child to erase what rhymes with hoof (roof), floor (door), ball (wall), bindow (window). Or, draw a cat, and ask your child to erase what rhymes with pail (tail), tie (eye), dose (nose), south (mouth), lead (head), etc.

Math

Candy Math

Have your child use colored candy, such as Gummi candy, M & M's, Skittles, Runts, jelly beans, etc. Use them for sorting, counting, patterning activities.

Block Game

Use a numbered game die or spinner and some blocks. Take turns rolling the die, and taking the correct number of blocks from the pile. Build a tower with the blocks. After all the blocks are gone, compare the towers to see whose is the tallest.

Number Basketball

Write numbers on pieces of paper and place them on the floor. Place a trash can nearby. Call out a number for your child to find, crumble up and toss into the trash can.

Money Toss

Toss five pennies onto the table or floor. Count how many heads and tails.

Counting Books

Make counting books with stickers. Choose stickers that will appeal to your child (Barbie, Harry Potter, trains, horses, etc.) Staple pieces of paper together and label each page with a number. Have your child stick the correct amount of stickers on each page of the book. You could make the "Spiderman Counting Book" or "Dora the Explorer Counting Book".

Path Games

Path games are great for counting practice because a child rolls the dice or spins a spinner and counts how many spaces to move. You can buy them or make your own path games with stickers.

Card Games

You can use playing cards in several ways:

Have your child match two of the same numbers,

Have your child put the numbers in sequential order,

Play war (Two players take the top card from their own pile, compare them, and the player with the highest number wins that round and collects both cards.)

Number Writing Rhymes:

Round and round and round we go When we get home We have a zero.	Start at the top And down we run That's the way we make a one.
Around and back On the railroad track Two, two, two!	Around a tree Around a tree That's the way we make a three.
Down and over And down some more That's the way we make a four.	Down and around With a flag on high That's the way we make a five.
Around to a loop Number six rolls a hoop.	Across the sky And down from heaven That's the way we make a seven.
Make an "S" and do not wait When we get home We have an eight.	Make a loop And then a line That's the way we make a nine.

Science

Make a Science Kit:

Prism
Seashells
Rock Collection
Kaleidoscopes
Magnets
Magnifying Glass
Bug Box/ Critter Cage
Binoculars

Nature Walk

Go on a nature walk in your neighborhood or in the woods. Collect small sticks, rocks, leaves, wildflowers. You can use them later to make a nature collage or look at them through a magnifying glass.

Pond Nature Trip

Give your child a "pond study kit": magnifying glass, clear cup (for a water sample), plastic bags (for plant and dirt samples), craft sticks, plastic spoons, etc. Take a trip to a pond and let your child explore. Take a bag of bread crumbs for the ducks.

Magnets

Let your child experiment with various objects and classify them as magnetic or non-magnetic. You can use a paper clip, screw, penny, pen cap, cork, crayon, etc.

Chemical Reaction

Let your child experiment with baking soda and vinegar to make a chemical reaction. Put baking soda in a paper cup and vinegar in another cup. Add amounts of one ingredient to the other and watch what happens.

More Chemistry

You can also set out several ingredients and let your child experiment with the different textures (and reactions) the ingredients make. For solids, you can have cups of flour, baking soda, salt, sand, corn meal. For liquids, you can set out cups of water, oil, liquid soap, bubble bath. Add drops of food coloring for added fun.

Simple Machines: Ramps

Provide your child with blocks and small boards or cardboard to make ramps. Children can experiment with by rolling or sliding different objects down the ramps: blocks, boxes, cars, marbles, droplets of water, rocks.

Fine Motor Skills

Scissors & Play-dough

Let your child use scissors to cut play-dough. This helps build fine motor strength and helps them learn to use scissors.

Magazine Collage

Cut pictures from magazines and glue them onto a piece of construction paper. You can have your child cut out certain things, such as "things that begin with the letter A" or "red things" or "ocean animals", etc. You can also make books by stapling construction paper together and gluing each picture on a page.

Play-Dough Bakery

Use bowls, spoons, cookie cutters, cookie sheets, rolling pins, plates, cups, mini pie pans, muffin tins, and other things with play-dough.

More...

Legos
Puzzles
Light Bright

Art

Make an Art Kit:

Colored Construction Paper
Plain White Paper
Crayons
Markers
Scissors
Glue/Glue Stick
Colored Chalk
Oil Pastels
Water Color Paints
Tempera or Poster Paint
Tape
Collage Materials (beans, pasta, craft foam, cotton)
Popsicle Sticks

Booklist

Look for these books at the library:

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, by Mo Willems
Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late, by Mo Willems
The Pigeon Wants a Hot Dog, by Mo Willems
The Pigeon Wants a Puppy, by Mo Willems
Knuffle Bunny, by Mo Willems
Knuffle Bunny, Too, by Mo Willems
Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes, by Eric Litwin
Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes, by Eric Litwin
Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons, by Eric Litwin
Go Away Big Green Monster, by Ed Emberly
Corduroy, by Don Freeman
Goldilocks and the Three Bears, retold by Jan Brett
The Very Clumsy Click Beetle, by Eric Carle
Three Billy Goats Gruff, retold by Stephen Carpenter
The Little Red Hen, retold by Jerry Pinkney
Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too?, by Eric Carle
Hedgie's Surprise, by Jan Brett
Mrs. Wishy Washy's Farm, by Joy Cowley
The Hat, by Jan Brett
The Tale of Peter Rabbit, by Beatrix Potter
Owl Babies, by Martin Waddell
A House for Hermit Crab, by Eric Carle
Mister Seahorse, by Eric Carle
Big Al, by Andrew Clements
Unlovable, by Dan Yaccarino
It's the Bear, Jez Alborough
An Extraordinary Egg, by Leo Lionni
The Umbrella, by Jan Brett
Who is the Beast?, by Keith Baker
Duck in the Truck, by Jez Alborough
Captain Duck, by Jez Alborough
Cuddly Duddly, by Jez Alborough
There's an Alligator Under My Bed, by Mercer Mayer
Caps for Sale, by Esphyr Slobodkina
David Gets in Trouble, by David Shannon
Bill and Pete, by Tomie de Paola
Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile, by Tomie de Paola
The Doghouse, by Jan Thomas
Rhyming Dust Bunnies, by Jan Thomas

Websites

www.starfall.com
www.literacycenter.net
www.janbrett.com

For parents:

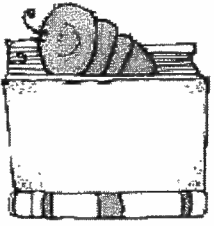
<http://www2.ed.gov/pubs/CompactforReading/index.html>

Kids Activities Blog:

<http://kidsactivitiesblog.com/>

PreKinders: Activities for Pre-K & Kindergarten Kids

www.prekinders.com



Summer Book Bingo

After reading these books to your child, have your child color the square or place a sticker over the square. Keep going until you fill the chart!

READ BOOKS BY MO WILLEMS.	<i>Relax & read a book outside.</i>	check out a book from the public library.	Read a fairy tale.	Read a children's magazine.
Read a non-fiction book.	Read a book by Jan Brett and pick an activity from janbrett.com .	Read or recite nursery rhymes.	Tell a family member all about a book you like. Who are the characters? What do they do? What do they say?	<i>Go to storylineonline.net to have a book read to you.</i>
<i>Read books by Laura Numeroff.</i>	<i>Read a poem from a poetry book for children.</i>	Make your own book and read it to a family member or friend.	READ A BOOK ABOUT ANIMALS.	Read books by Eric Carle.
READ A BOOK ABOUT THE BEACH OR OCEAN	READ A BOOK TO LEARN ABOUT A TOPIC THAT INTERESTS YOU.	Listen to an audio book.	Draw or paint a picture about a book you have read.	Read a counting book.

Nursery Rhymes

Nursery rhymes are a **proven** way to increase children's reading ability.

Here are some traditional rhymes you can say with your child.

Find more nursery rhymes at www.prekinders.com/nursery-rhymes/

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses
And all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

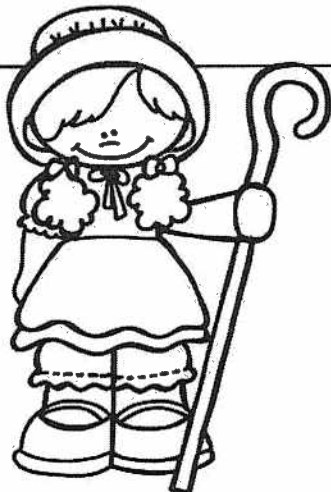


Little boy blue
Come blow your horn.
The sheep's in the meadow,
The cow's in the corn.
Where is the boy
Who looks after the sheep?
He's under the haystack fast asleep.

Hey diddle diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon.
The little dog laughed,
To see such sport
And the dish ran away with the spoon.

Hickory dickory dock,
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down,
Hickory dickory dock.







Here is the beehive.
Where are the bees?
Hidden away where nobody sees.
Watch and you'll see them
Come out of the hive:
1 ... 2 ... 3 ... 4 ... 5 ... BUZZ!



Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep,
And doesn't know where to find them.
Leave them alone and they'll come home,
Wagging their tails behind them.

Ocean Animal Race

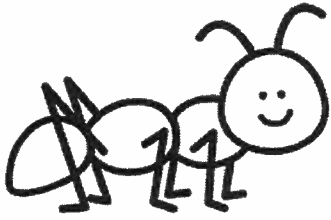
Use this math game to practice counting and numeral identification. You can make copies of this game if you like. You will need a dotted game die.
To play: Child rolls the die and counts the amount of dots. If they roll a 5, they will circle one 5 on the paper; if they roll a 3, they will circle a 3; etc. The child will continue to roll and circle numbers until one of the rows has all of the numbers circled. That animal is the winner!

	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	★
	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	★
	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	★
	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	★
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	★
	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	★

Counting Game

Directions: You can use small candies, buttons, or beans as game pieces. Roll a die or spin a spinner. Count out the correct amount of game pieces to place on the game board. When the game board is full, you win! This game helps children practice one-to-one correspondence, counting, and numeral identification.

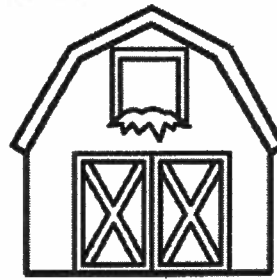
Rhyming Cards: Cut apart and use these for matching practice.



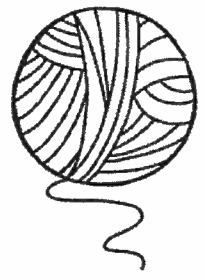
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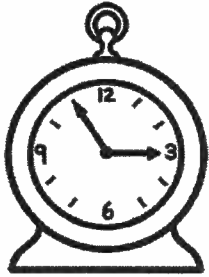
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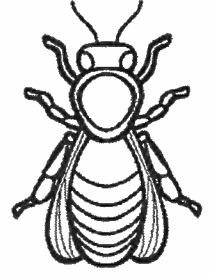
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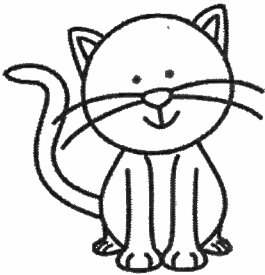
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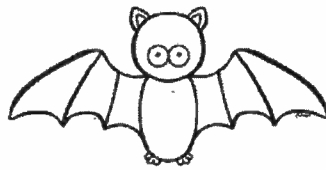
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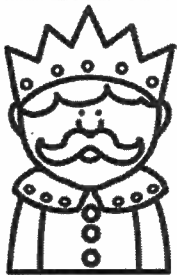
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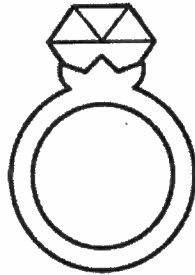
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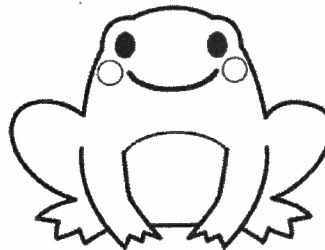
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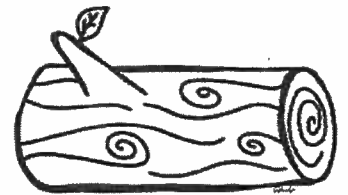
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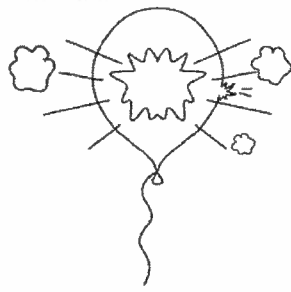
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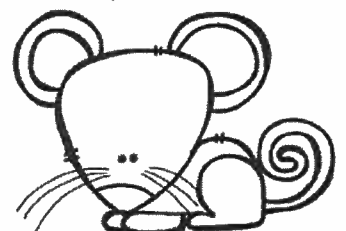
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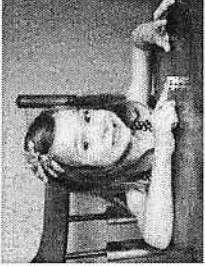


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mouse

Fine Motor Choice Board

<p>Zippering</p> <p>Zip and unzip a coat</p>	<p>Scissors</p> <p>Practice scissor skills with junk mail</p>	<p>Buttons</p> <p>Button and unbutton a shirt (adult sized shirts work too)</p>	<p>Dice Flip</p> <p>Call a number out. Use one finger to roll the dice. Keep using the same finger until the number is rolled.</p> 	<p>Finger Pick Up</p> <p>From a standing position, place the entire hand on a flat surface. Pick up each finger in isolation. Raise each finger from the flat surface 3 times and then pick up and hold each finger individually for several seconds. Repeat on other hand</p>
<p>Fingertip Touch</p> <p>Touch thumbs to the tips of each finger. Do both hands at the same time or one hand at a time. Try at different speeds, while counting.</p>	<p>Paper Crumpling</p> <p>Use scrap paper or tissue paper. Crumple pieces into small balls and create a picture.</p>	<p>Scissors</p> <p>Practice scissor skills by cutting a thin cardboard box. (cereal, pasta, rice)</p>	<p>Tearing paper</p> <p>Tear scrap paper into strips. Use your thumb and index finger to tear from top to bottom.</p>	<p>Scissors</p> <p>Practice scissor skills by cutting out simple shapes. Adult can draw and child can cut on the line.</p>

Little hands need to develop dexterity and strength. We can help this process by encouraging children to play, explore and interact with a variety of items.

Choose ONE activity to complete each day. Repeat activities if you would like!