

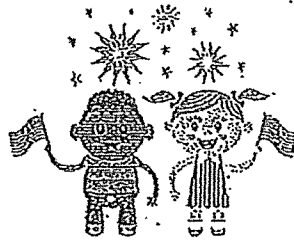
Dear Parents,

I look forward to welcoming your child into my Kindergarten classroom in a few months!! Attached you will find a summer packet that will help your child better prepare for the beginning of a new school year. Additionally, you may want to find fun games that can play online ([www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com) is a great website) as well as on your Iphone, Ipad, or smartphones. (Many free apps offer practice with letter identification, color/shape recognition, etc.) The GW Teacher Supply Store, "Professor Toy" in Riverpark, and the Dollar Tree have many workbooks and board games designed to make learning fun...it's summer...have fun while learning! I encourage you to read a bedtime story nightly to your child, take them to the library, play "I spy the letter \_\_\_\_" on car trips, and help your child be excited for Kindergarten!

I hope you have a wonderful summer and I look forward to being your child's teacher in the fall!

God Bless,

Mrs. Marquez





## Kindergarten Suggested Summer Reading List



Note: The following books are only suggestions. Please feel free to add any books that are appropriate for your reader. The staff in the children's area of the public library will also have many wonderful suggestions for you.

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to when young. Here are some titles to get you started!

### Books About Me

- *I Like Me!* by Nancy L. Carlson
- *I Like to Be Little* by Charlotte Zolotow
- *The Mixed-Up Chameleon* by Eric Carle
- *My Five Senses* by Allki
- *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
- *When I Get Bigger* by Mercer Mayer

### Family Stories

- *Just Me* Books by Mercer Mayer
- *Mama Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Jossé

### Predictable Books

(Stories with a pattern using rhyme or rhythm.)

- *Curious George* by H. A. Rey
- *Each Peach Pear Plum* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- *The Gingerbread Boy* by Paul Galdone
- *Gregory the Terrible Eater* by Mitchell Sharmat
- *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *Millions of Cats* by Wanda Gág
- *What's in Fox's Sack?* by Paul Galdone

### Beginning, Middle, and End Concept

- *Bony-Legs* by Joanna Cole
- *A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee* by Chris Van Dusen
- *Love You Forever* by Robert Munsch
- *Rosie's Walk* by Pat Hutchins
- *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown

### Color and Counting Books

- *Each Orange Had Eight Slices: A Counting Book* by Paul Giganti Jr.
- *Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On* by Lois Ehlert
- *Frog Counts to Ten* by John Liebler
- *Inch by Inch* by Leo Lionni
- *Is It Red? Is It Yellow? Is It Blue?* by Tana Hoban
- *Planting a Rainbow* by Lois Ehlert
- *Ten Bears in My Bed: A Goodnight Countdown* by Stanley Mack
- *Ten Little Fish* by Audrey Wood
- *26 Letters and 99 Cents* by Tana Hoban

### Caldecott Winners and Honor Books

- *Color Zoo* by Lois Ehlert
- *Maddeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans
- *More, More, More Said the Baby* by Vera B. Williams
- *Officer Muckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathman
- *Swimmy* by Leo Lionni
- *Tops and Bottoms* by Janet Stevens

### Mother Goose and Nursery Rhymes

- *James Marshall's Mother Goose* by James Marshall
- *My Very First Mother Goose* by Iona Ople and Rosemary Wells
- *Tomie dePaola's Mother Goose* by Tomie dePaola

### Folktales and Fairy Tales

- *Chicken Little* by Steven Kellogg
- *Cinderella* by Marcia Brown
- *The Hare and the Tortoise* by Brian Wildsmith
- *Henny Penny* by H. Werner Zimmermann
- *The Little Red Hen* by Margot Zemach
- *The Three Bears* by Paul Galdone
- *The Three Silly Goats* by Peter Christen Ashbjornsen
- *Three Little Pigs* by James Marshall
- *The Three Little Pigs* by Rodney Peppé
- *The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Andersen

### Stories in Rhyme

- *All the Colors of the Earth* by Sheila Hamanaka
- *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* by Verna Aardema
- *Miss Spider's Tea Party* by David Kirk

### Islands

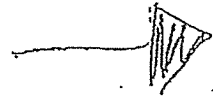
- *Benjamin and Hilty* by Rosemary Wells
- *We Are Best Friends* by Allki
- *Who Will Be My Friends?* by Sybil Hoff

### Tubulous Salomon Books

- *Cars and How They Go* by Joanna Cole
- *Eyewitness Juniors Amazing Frogs and Toads* by Barry Clarke
- *Magic School Bus On the Ocean Floor* by Joanna Cole

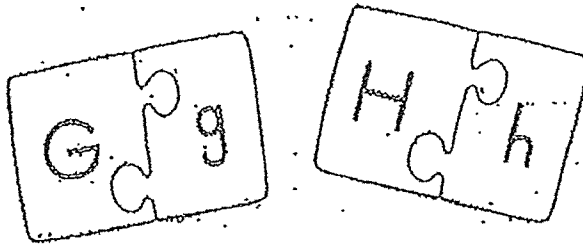
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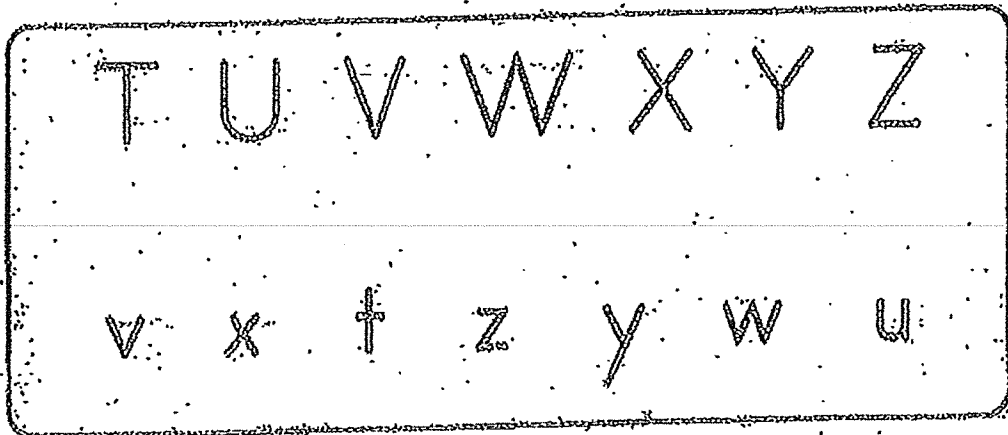
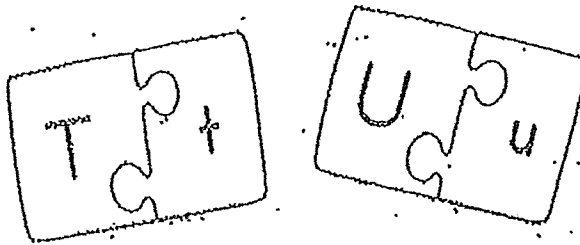
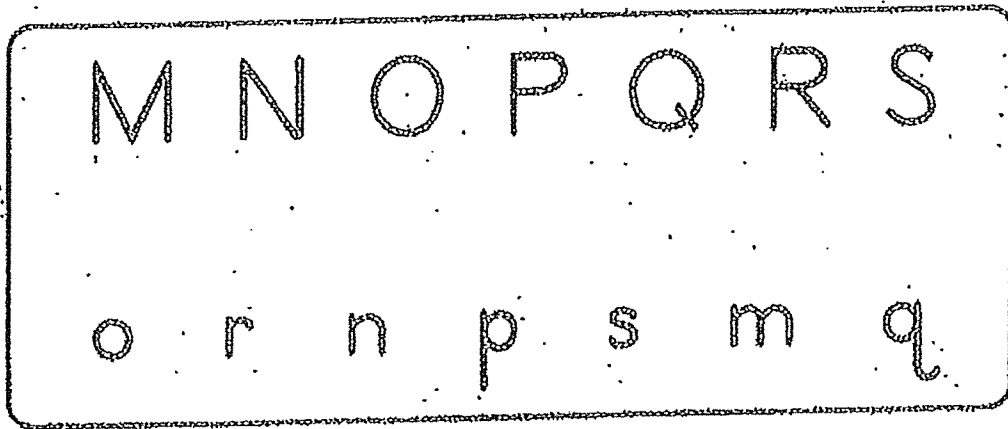
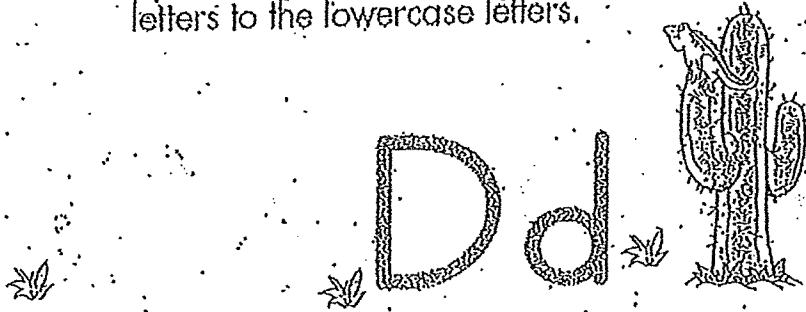
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2. Give kids SMALL pieces of colored chalk and have them draw or write on an upright chalkboard. The chalk on the board offers some "drag", which is good for motor memory. Also, having a small piece of chalk forces the child to use the tripod grasp. I've also had kids use small pieces of colored chalk on black construction paper.

3. Twist...twist...twist using a pincer grasp. You could use pipe cleaners, small twist ties, or (most engaging) candy wrappers with twisted ends!

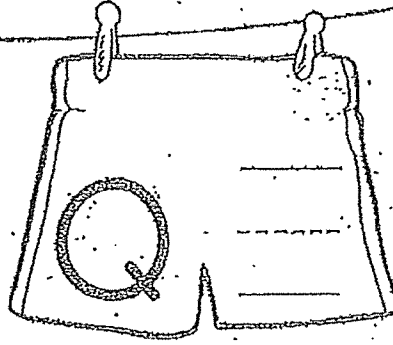
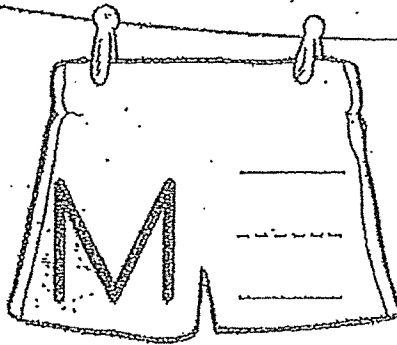
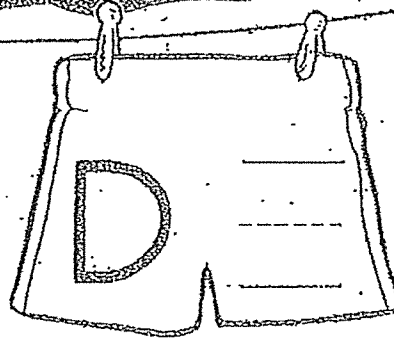
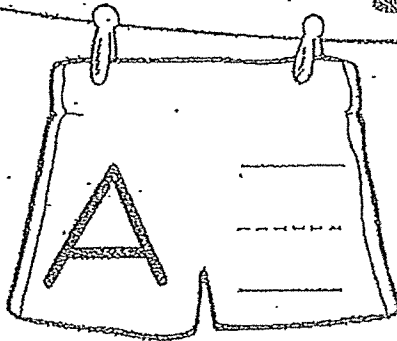
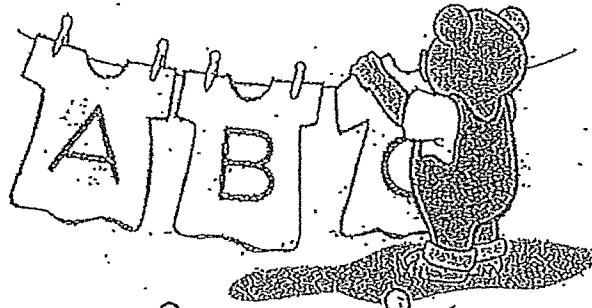
## SUMMER LEARNING FUN!!

- Small magnetic letters can be purchased at many dollar stores or teacher stores. They can be used to reinforce many of the skills we will learn in Kindergarten. Magnetic cookie sheets make a great playing surface!
- Name Game: Make the names of people in your family. Mix up the letters and make them again. It can be a contest to see who can make the names more quickly.
- Put the letters into alphabetical order.
- Rhyming pairs: one person makes a word from magnetic letters, the partner makes a rhyming word.
- Describing words: Use the magnetic letters to make describing words--color words, or words like thin, cold, big, etc.
- Make action words- then do the action! Jump, hop, clap, etc.
- Add endings: Make an action word and then add as many different endings as you can think of. Ex: plant, plants, planted
- Change vowels, make a simple 3 letter word. Ask partner to change the vowel to make a new word (cat-cot, cut)
- Make a word. Count the syllables. Partner makes another word with the same number of syllables.
- Make a word that begins with a consonant (all except a, e, i, o, u) partner makes another word that begins with the same consonant.
- Categories: Choose a category and take turns making as many words as you can that fit the category. For example: colors, food, etc.
- Building words- take a pile of letters and make as many words as you can.
- Make and mix: Make the days of the week then mix up one day at a time and remake it. Do the same thing for the months!
- Letter game: Each player starts with 6 letters. The players make words with their letters. They take turns taking one new letter at a time from a bucket of letters (without peeking!). The first player to use up all his letters wins.

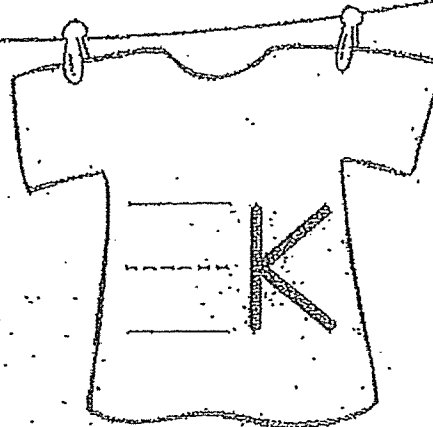
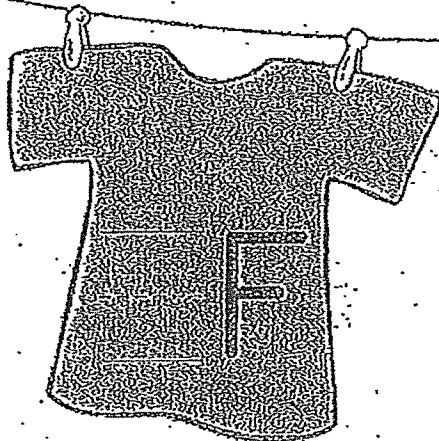




Write the letter that comes **after**.



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### Rhyming Cards

Cut out the cards and play different games to help with rhyming practice. You can play "Go Fish!", memory, "I Spy", or have your child collect all the rhyming pairs. Play a timed game and see how many they collect!

