

May Lessons, Activities, and Resources

Hi all! Since the state of things has been quite unpredictable lately, We have put together some worksheet and lesson ideas to keep your little ones busy throughout the month of May. We hope to see all of you before then, but if not, at least we can stay learning and laughing in the meantime. Hoping you're all doing well- Ms. Paige, Ms. Leigh Ann, and Ms. Lauren

• *Circle Time Songs*

○ Good Morning

Good morning Ladybug friends! How are you?

Pump arms in the air Good! Good!

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It is time to start our day.

We are here to work and play.

Good morning Ladybug friends! How are you?

Pump arms in the air "Good! Good!"

○ Days of the week (to the tune of the Addams Family theme)

"Days of the week (snap, snap)

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Days of the week, days of the week, days of the week (snap, snap)

There's Sunday and there's Monday

There's Tuesday and there's Wednesday

There's Thursday and there's Friday

And then there's Saturday
Days of the week (snap, snap)
Days of the week (snap, snap)
Days of the week, days of the week, days of the week (snap,
snap).....If yesterday was -----, what is today?"

○ 12 months

"There are 12 months, there are 12 months, there are 12 months in a year starting with January, February, March and April... then we have May and June, July and August too...then we end with September, October, November and December which month are we in?"

○ Kindness Pledge

"I pledge to myself on this very day
To try to be in kind in every way.
To every person, big or small,
I will help them if they fall.
When I love myself and others too
That is the best that I can do.
I promise to be kind today.
Share one way you can be kind!

● **Letters**

○ Letter X

- [Click here](#) to listen to the letter X song

○ Letter Y

- [Click here](#) to listen to the letter Y song

○ Letter Z

- [Click here](#) to listen to the letter Z song

o Letter Scavenger Hunt

- In the story “Alphabet Mystery” little x goes missing! The rest of the alphabet work together to find little x. Listen to the online read aloud of “Alphabet Mystery” by [clicking here](#) then partake in your own alphabet hunt! Look around your house and see if you can find one item for each letter of the alphabet! If you have a poster board available, it might help to write each letter of the alphabet on the board. When your child finds an object to represent each letter, they put the item on top of the letter on the poster board.

o Find it, Swat it, Say It

- Start off by writing the letters A-Z in individual circles on a poster board or paper. Next grab a fly swatter, spatula, pointer, ruler...anything you have handy that can be used to “swat” the letter. Now’s the fun part...call out a letter and have your child swat the letter, saying the letter name and sound as they swat it. For an added challenge, repeat the letter sound and ask your child to name one thing that starts with that letter.



o Sound and Spray

- If you have outdoor pavement space such as a driveway or sidewalk, write the letters on this space. Call out a letter and- using a water gun, spray bottle, hose, etc.- have your child spray the letter as they say the sound it makes. This can also be used to practice number recognition (1-20) or sight words. It's a fun twist of letter practice for the warmer weather!



o AlphaTales Storytime

- We read the AlphaTales stories at school to help us learn the letter sounds. I have linked a playlist of AlphaTales read alouds on [YouTube here](#). We read stories for A-Q before our break, but all of the stories can be used as a fun review. There are even find the letter picture searches and letter cheers on the last two pages that the kids always enjoyed doing when we would read the stories together. A fun twist would be to encourage your child to make their own story about a character or object that starts with each letter of the alphabet. They can draw a picture and “read” the story to your family.

○ Sight Word Practice

- Sight words are a big part of Kindergarten. These are not something that students need to know before they enter Kindergarten as they will learn them over the course of that school year. But if you are looking for something extra to work on with your child during this time, it might be helpful to get your child familiarized with some of these words to help them get ahead.
- I have included a list of some of the more basic sight words at the end of this packet with the worksheets. Many people use flash cards to practice sight words but a few of the activities I included to practice letter recognition can also be used to practice sight words. There is also a fun YouTube dance that can help with practicing sight words. You can watch it by [clicking here](#).

○ Daily letter/reading practice

- Point out letters throughout your home. If you have labeled jars in the kitchen, ask your child to identify the letters. If there is a magazine on your coffee table, ask your child to find the letter A in its title. If they have a blanket with their name on it, ask your child to identify each letter they see.
- When reading to your child, point to the letters in the title of the book. Pick out a word from the book you are reading that might be unknown to your child and make it the word of the day. Introduce the word prior to reading the story, define the word for them, and ask them to raise their hand or otherwise signal when they hear the word being read in the story.

- Before reading a story, ask your child to listen to the title, look at the pictures on the cover and make a prediction as to what they think the story is about. During the story, ask your child questions about the different characters in the story. Talk about the feelings of the characters during the story. After the story, ask your child to share their favorite part of the book.
- When practicing writing letters with your child, ask them what the name of the letter is and what sound it makes as they write it.
- Utilize free apps for children that specialize in letter and sound recognition.
- *Cover a flat surface such as a table or desk with shaving cream. Encourage your child to use their fingers to write their name and letters. Ask them what sound each letter makes. Practice writing sight words.*
- *Letter hopscotch. Set up hopscotch board but instead of numbers, use letters! Have your child say the letter name/ letter sound as they hop from letter to letter.*
- *[This website](#) has a plethora of really fun, hands-on learning activities.*

● Other Skills

- Help your child learn their birthdate, address and at least one parent's phone number.
- Practice scissor skills! Pinterest has a lot of fun worksheets to use for cutting practice.
- Handwashing/ Germ Experiment
 - Help reinforce the importance of proper handwashing procedures with your child. This includes wetting your hands, putting soap on your hands and pulling your

hands out of the water as you scrub. Encourage your child to sing the ABCS, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star or Happy Birthday (twice for Happy Birthday). This experiment will also show your child the importance of using soap when washing to “chase away” the germs. Click [this link](#) to find out more about the experiment. Here's a tip...if you don't have glitter, I've heard black pepper works just the same.

● Math/Science

- Continue to practice recognizing numbers and counting. We worked on 1-10 at school, so if your child can confidently recognize 1-10 feel free to move onto 10-20. Practice counting to 50. If your child can count to 50, practice going to 100.
- Practice recognizing and completing simple patterns. [Click Here](#) for a free printable worksheet that will help with this skill. If you want a more hands-on approach, you can use Legos, stickers, crayons, cars, pictures, skittles, or Play-Doh balls to create patterns by color. Create a simple pattern and have your child continue it. Challenge them by asking them to create their own pattern or asking them to find patterns throughout your house.
- Practice measuring skills. Use a measuring tape, ruler, yardstick or even yarn to measure different items around the house. If you use yarn, you can cut it and label it to show the height of different items which can be compared and ordered from smallest to largest.

- If your family does any gardening, considering letting your child help. They can also record the plant growth by drawing pictures of what the plant looks like every few days.
- [Click here](#) for a list of 40 different number activities you can do with your child.

○ Rainy Day Experiment

- Collect a few items made of different kinds of material such as fabric, a metal bowl, a plastic toy, a paper towel and cardboard box. Use your senses to observe each item. Make a prediction about what might happen to each item if they are left in the rain. Do you think the items will still be usable after being brought in from the rain? Put the items outside where rain can reach them and leave for about ten minutes. Retrieve the items and talk about what you see. Do they look different? Feel different? How did the rain change the items? Were your predictions true?

○ Recyclable Robot

- Root through your recyclable bin or check out your junk drawer to gather miscellaneous objects to create your very own robots! Some items that might be useful are cardboard, tissue boxes, empty toilet paper/paper towel rolls, water bottles, cereal boxes, dixie cups, foil, soup cans, pringle containers, a glue gun/tacky glue. Feel free to send pictures into the Jolly Toddlers Facebook page if you make a cool robotic friend! (Picture courtesy of MyMommyStyle.com)



o Daily Math Practice

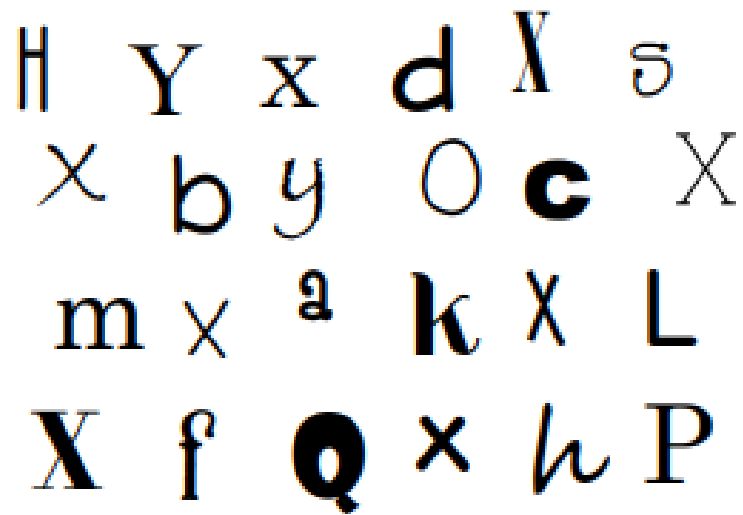
- Make cleaning up fun! Say a number and encourage your child to clean up that number of toys (Clean up ten Legos, pick up three books, etc.)
- Workout together! Count jumping jacks, laps around the kitchen, pushups, sit ups, etc.
- Use blocks or Legos to make creations with a specific number of blocks/Legos used.
- Use blocks to make a tower. Count how many blocks are needed to make the tower taller than your child.
- Use snack time to practice math skills. Count how many blueberries are on the plate. Sort fruit snacks based on a similar attribute (color, shape, etc.) and ask which group has the most fruit snacks. Encourage your child to count out and eat three grapes.

Letter worksheets and sight words on the next few pages

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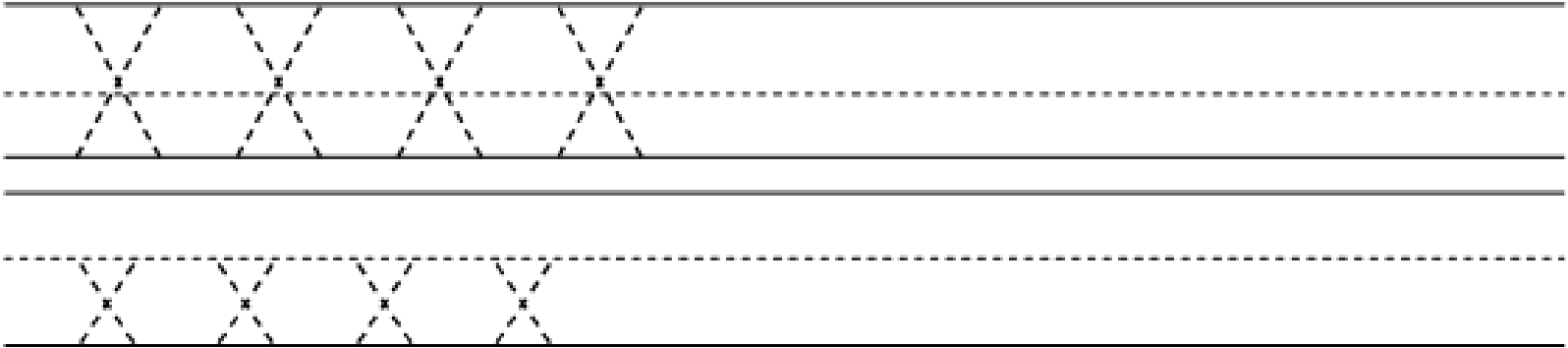


Circle the letter Xx.

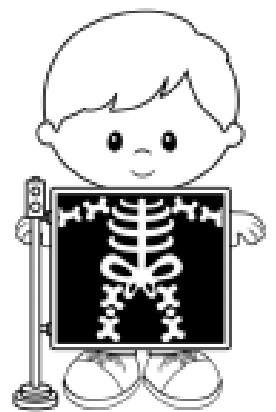
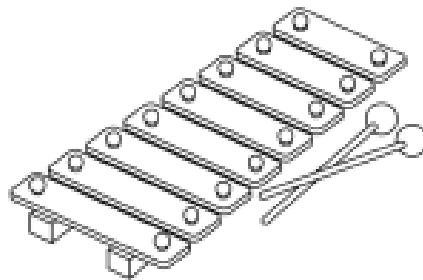
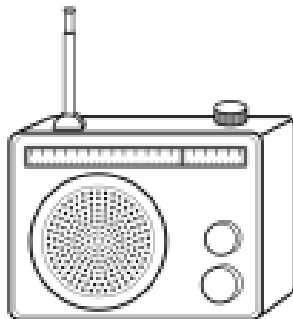


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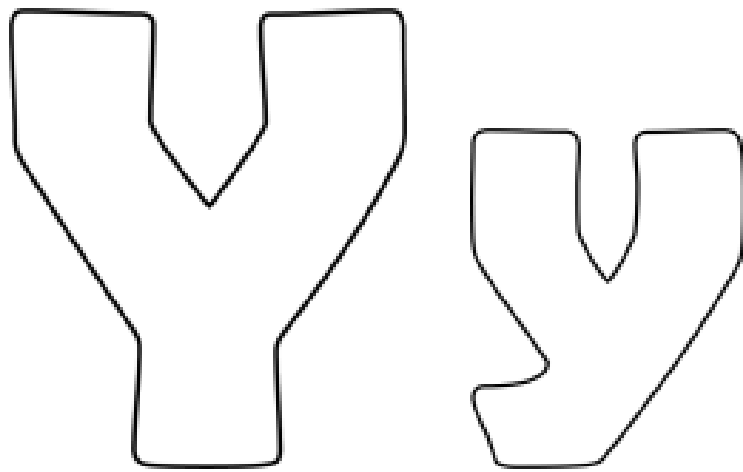
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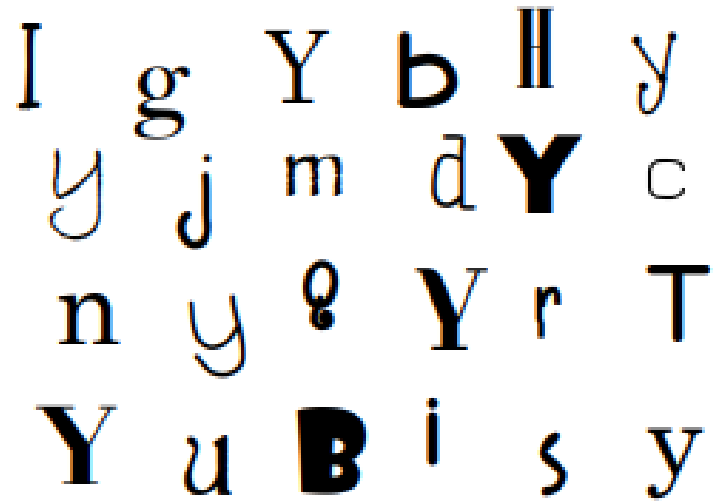
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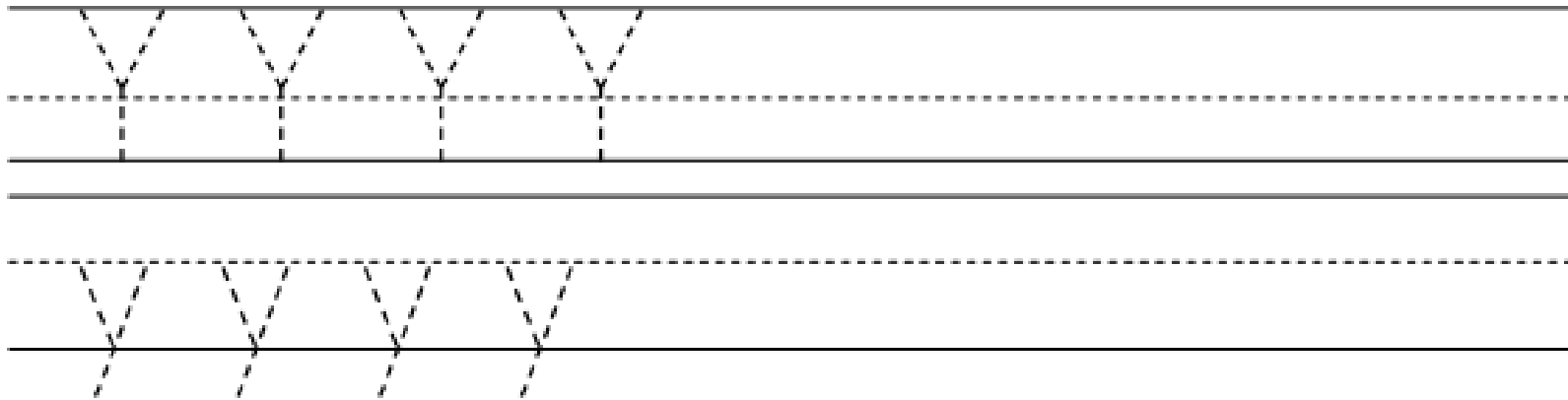
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Circle the letter Yy.

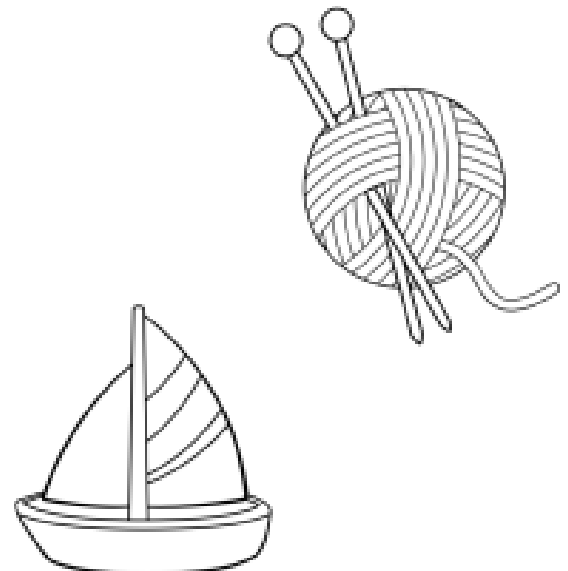
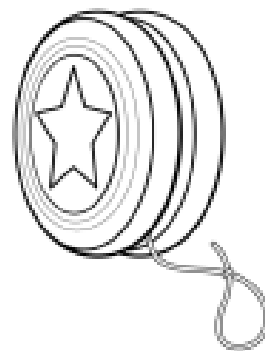


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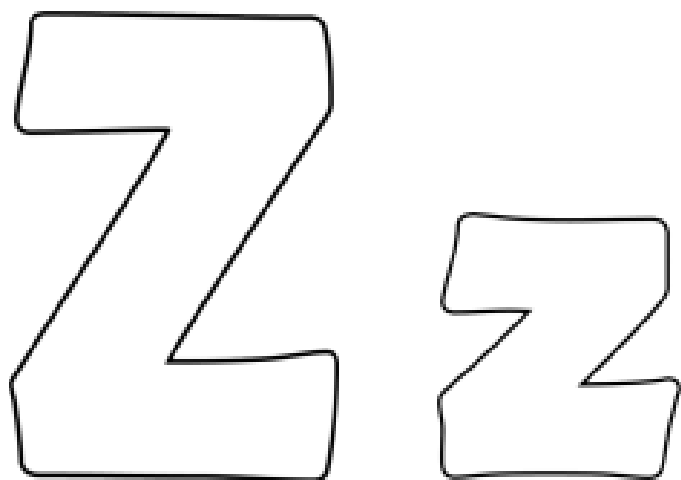


Write the letters.

Color the things that start with y.



Color the letters.

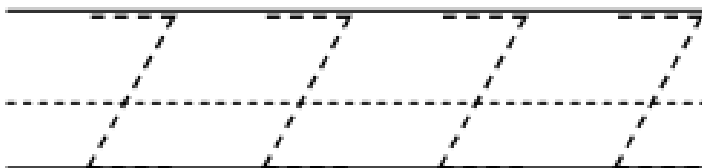


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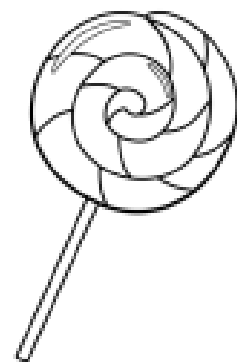
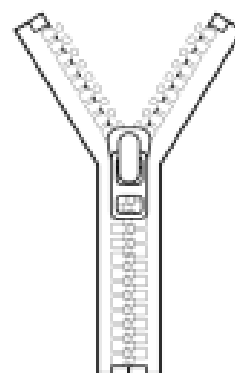
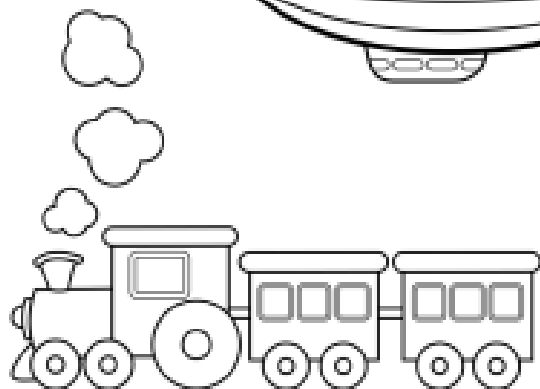
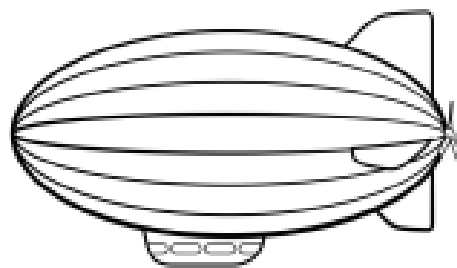


Trace the letters.

Write the letters.



Color the things that start with z.





Pre-K Sight Words

a	funny	look	see
and	go	make	the
away	help	me	three
big	here	my	to
blue	I	not	two
can	in	one	up
come	is	play	we
down	it	red	where
find	jump	run	yellow
for	little	said	you

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