

Getting ready for

KINDERGARTEN **Matters!**

You'll be amazed.



C A L E N D A R Pathways to Kindergarten Success

Lyrics for songs found in the calendar.

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star, how I wonder what you are. Up above the world so high, like a diamond in the sky. Twinkle, twinkle, little star, how I wonder what you are.

Hickory Dickory Dock

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

Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes, Knees and Toes. Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes,

ricua, silvalacis, rifices and roes

Knees and Toes.

Eyes and Ears and Mouth and Nose.

Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes,

Knees and Toes.

A, B, C Song

A, B, C, D, E, F, G;

H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P;

Q, R, S;

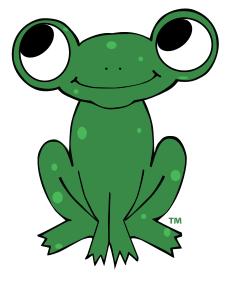
T, U, V;

W, X;

Y and Z.

Now I've sung my ABCs,

Next time won't you sing with me.



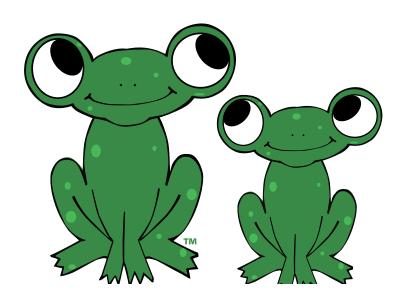
Listen to these songs at

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It's a new year with Ready Freddy!

This is a big year for you and your child. Working on these calendar activities together will be great practice to prepare for kindergarten and beyond.

Every month has a special theme. You and your child can explore different games, skills and values together. You don't have to do each activity on the given day—work with your family's schedule—just remember to have fun!

For more information, please visit our Transition to Kindergarten website (http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/parents/transition-to-kindergarten) or call us at 1-866-357-3239.



Play School

Saturday, August 17
Take turns with your child pretending you are the student and the teacher.



Visit **readyfreddy.org** for more great ideas.

Prek Kindergarten

The Domains of Florida's Early Learning and Developmental Standards



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

(general health and development of physical skills involving large and small muscles)



APPROACHES TO LEARNING

(attitudes, behaviors and learning styles)



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

(the ability to establish and maintain positive relationships with others)



LANGUAGE & LITERACY

(the ability to understand words, learn to talk and learn about books and reading)



MATHEMATICAL THINKING

(the ability to think about relationships between objects, numbers, shapes, sizes, weights and other concepts)



SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY

(the ability to explore the environment using the five senses, connecting what is observed to science concepts and asking questions)



SOCIAL STUDIES

(the ability to learn about people and the community)



CREATIVE EXPRESSION THROUGH THE ARTS

(the ability to engage in dance, song, music, dramatic play and art to express ideas and feelings)



August 2018 Get Ready for School

Practice your skills and routines.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	our child be more comfortab the school or new class befo first day.		Begin a school morning routine with your child.	2	"I can brush my teeth." Help your child sett up his toothbrush and brush- his teeth by himself.	4
Begin a school "bedtime routine" to get your child into the habit for school.	6	"I can get dressed." Have your child dress herself for school.	8	Help your child practice writing his name.	10	Library Visit Day! Find a book about starting school.
12	"I can wash my hands." Have your child practice washing and drying her hands.	14	Ask your child to tell you what he needs to do to be a good friend.	16	Bake cookies with your child and count the number of cookies you make or eat.	18
19	20	Paint with Ice Make colored ice cubes with food coloring. Allow you child to paint with the ice on paper.	22	Have your child explore items in your house. Which ones are hard? Soft? Heavy? Light?	24	Take your child to the grocery store. Look at apples and talk about the different colors, shapes and sizes.
26	Play "Guess That Taste". Put different foods on a plate. Cover your child's eyes and ask her to taste and identify the food.	28	Have your chiild use stuffed animals or dolls to recreate a favorite story that you have read to him.		During bath time let your child use different size plastic containers to measure water. Talk about more and less.	





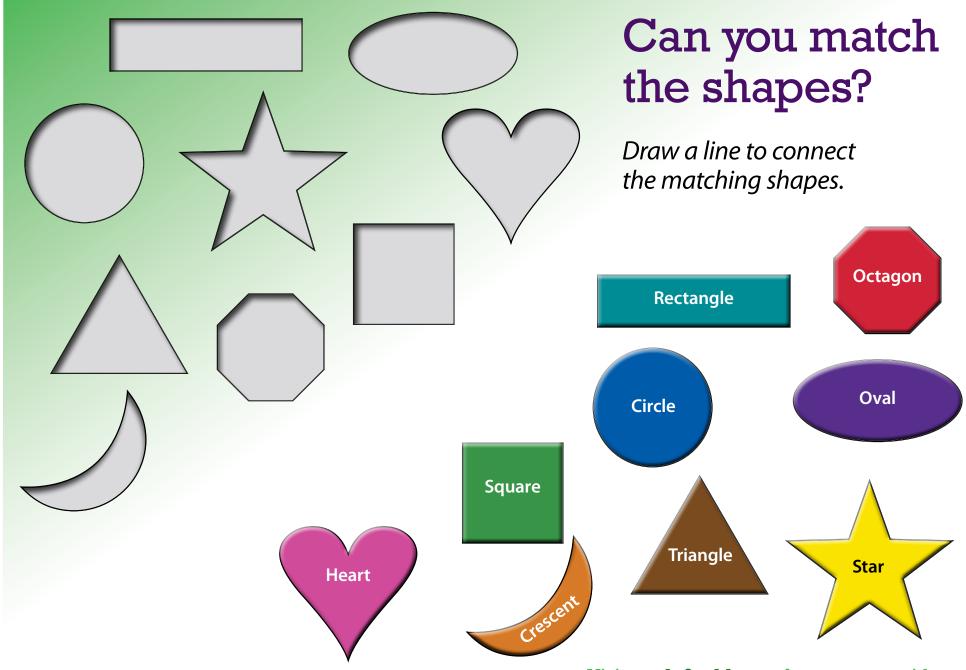
Work with the teacher to set learning goals.

September 2018 Having Fun at School



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		eptember is a good time to sk about ways you can help		er.		Library Visit Day! Check out a book about animal babies.
2	Labor Day Give your child a simple chore that he does each day to help his family, such as set the table for dinner.	4	Play "What's my baby?" Ask your child to name different animals and you tell her the babies' names.	6	Show your child pictures of people with different facial expressions. Ask him how each one is feeling and why he thinks they feel that way.	8
Grandparents' Day Let your child visit, call, video chat or make a card for his grandparents.	10	Ask your child to draw a picture of her school. Help her make a list of the activites she does at school.	12	Give your child some animal crackers. Ask her to match the animals and tell you the name of each animal.	14	Stepfamily Day Make a Hat Day National PlayDoh Day
16	Ask your child to count the number of shoes she has. Then ask her to match the shoes in pairs. Ask how many pairs of shoes there are.	18	Talk Like a Pirate Day Using a pirate voice, read your child the book How To Be a Pirate by Melinda Long.	20	First Day of Fall Talk about the 4 seasons with your child. How does fall look and feel in Florida?	22
Count the number of times your child can hop on one foot.	24	Sing the ABC Song with your child. Ask him what is his favorite letter and why it is his favorite letter.	26 Dads Take Your Child to School Day Dads or other significant male role models take their children to school today.	Have your child draw a picture of his dad or grandfather and tell how he is alike or different from dad or gandfather.	28	Take a walk with your child. Ask her to point out things that are living and non-living.









October 2018 Shapes Month

Do you know your shapes?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Homemade Cookie Day Bake cookies with your child.	2	Ask your child to draw some circles and see what funny faces he can make.	4	Mad Hatter Day Have a tea party with your child and make funny hats to wear.	6
Have your child look around the house for things shaped like squares.	8 Columbus Day	Say a word and have your child say the opposite, like big and little or hot and cold.	10	While riding in the car, ask your child to name the shapes of different street signs.	12	Collect different leaves with your child and together create art by doing leaf rubbings.
7.4			Look for things th		7.0	- 00
14	Have your child look around the house for things shaped like triangles.	16	Play Tic-Tac-Toe and other games with your child.	18	At night, go outside with your child, look at the stars and sing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"	Library Visit Day! Find a book about shapes.
		Triangles Week –	Look for things t	hat are triangles.		
Have your child look around the house for	22	Play hopscotch with your	24	Draw a picture with your	26	Make a Difference Day
things shaped like rectangles.		child.		child about Fall.		Do something nice for a neighbor or friend.
		Rectangles Week –	Look for things t	hat are rectangle:	s .	
Sharing Day! Ask your child to tell ways she shares with her friends at school.	29	Did you celebrate Halloween as a child? If you did, tell your child about it.	31 Halloween		child's accomplishments. Let nt to you that they do well in	



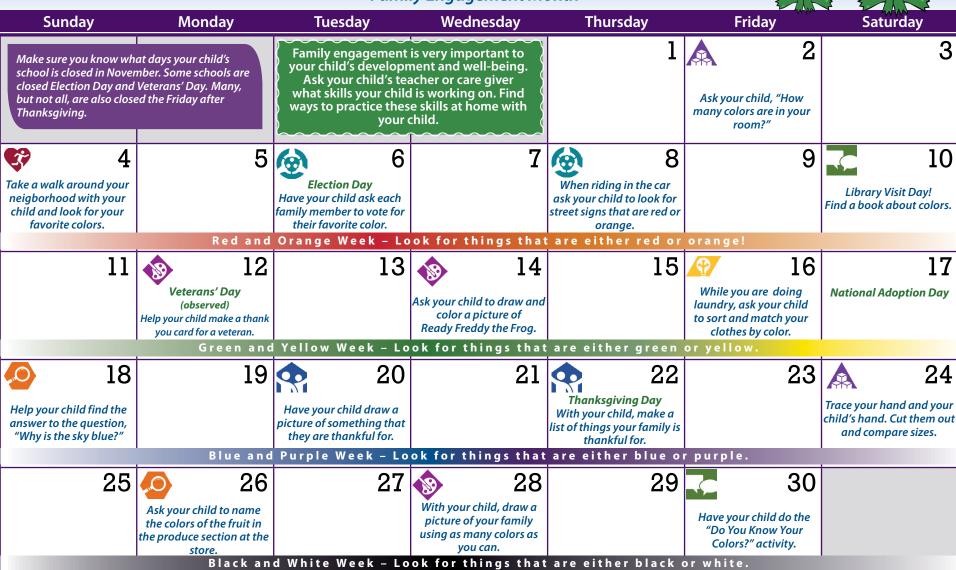


Does your child recognize color words?

November 2018

Colors Month

Family Engagement Month













December 2018 Learning Letters & Writing

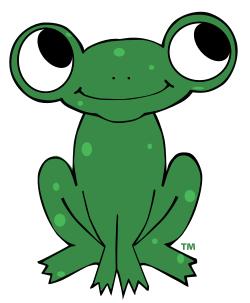
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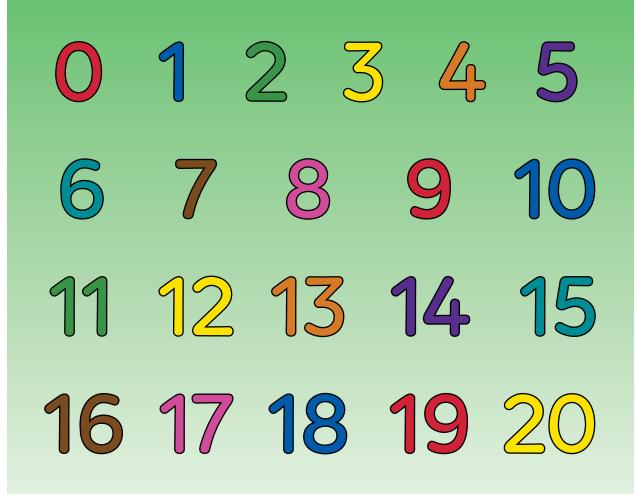
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		d your child how much they ne beginning of the school y				Help your child practice writing all the letters of the alphabet.
2	Let your child practice writing her first name during bath time using bath paints.	4	Have your child draw a picture of himself and write his first name on the Ready Freddy activity sheet.	6	Have your child use water and a paint brush to write their name or different letters on a sidewalk or driveway.	8
Read a favorite holiday book together with your child.	10	Help your child practice writing their last name using shaving cream on a plastic tray.	12	Have your child practice writing his first and last name. Have him count the letters in each. Ask which has more letters.	14	Library Visit Day! Find a book about Winter.
16	Talk with your child about your family's holiday traditions.	18	Give your child a ball to bounce. Count to see how many times she can bounce the ball in one minute.	20	First Day of Winter Take your child for a walk outside. Look for signs of winter in plants, trees and wildlife.	22
Help your child make hot chocolate for the family. 30 New Year's Eve	Christmas Eve Sing holiday songs together.	Christmas Day Have your child count the number of houses nearby that have holiday decorations.	26	Talk to your child about being grateful for family and friends. Ask how they could show gratefulness for family and friends.	28	Give your child some glue and leftover ribbon and wrapping paper to make a collage.



Know Your Numbers

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 on and on the numbers go I can count them fast or slow.



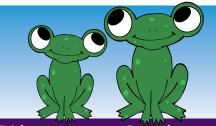


How old are you? _____



Numbers are everywhere.

January 2019 Numbers Month



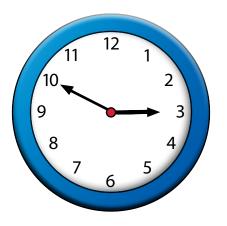
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		New Year's Day Read <u>Chicken Soup with</u> Rice by Maurice Sendak to your child and talk about the months of the year.	2	Talk to your child about friends. Ask him how he can be a friend to someone at school who is new or has few friends.	National Spaghetti Day Make spaghetti for dinner. Have your child help set the table.	Library Visit Day! Find a book about numbers. Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina is a good one to read and count the caps.
6 Cuddle Up Day	Discuss chores with your child. Assign some chores he can do to help around the house.	8 Bubble Bath Day	Play a card game like Uno. Count the number of cards in the deck with your child.	10	Ask your child to help you make a dessert. Let them measure the ingredients and stir.	12
	Howi	many items can yo	u find in your hou	se that have num	bers?	
Measure your child's height and make a chart to keep track of his growth. Measure his height each month and add to the chart.	14 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	National Hat Day Use newspaper or a paper bag to help your child make a hat.	16	Give your child a bag with 20 items in it (rocks, beads, buttons). Show him a number and have him count out the correct number of items from the bag.	18 Winnie the Pooh Day	Teach your child your phone number. Have her practice writing your phone number.
Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida Read with your child every day this week.	National Hugging Day Ask your child to count his toys during clean up. Give him a hug when he is finished.	Minutes*.	Ready Freddy Know your Numbers Activity Ask your child to read the numbers on the activity and write his age.	shared reading. Read	Opposite Day Say a word and have your child tell you a word that is the opposite (hot- cold, big-little, tall-short).	Provide different types of literacy materials and help your child create a place to practice reading and writing at home.
Have your child stand in a spot and guess how many steps he is away from you. Ask him to walk to you, counting the steps as he walks.	28	For snack, give your child several items that are salty and several that are sweet. After she tastes them, have her sort them into 2 groups, salty or sweet.	30	Ask your child to count to 20 and have him practice writing the numbers from 1 to 20.		



*Read Aloud 15 Minutes Website: http://www.readaloud.org/

Learn About Time





Time to wake up.

Time to go to school.

Time to eat lunch.

Time to go home.

Time to play.

Time to eat dinner.

Time to bathe.

Time for a story.

Time to sleep.





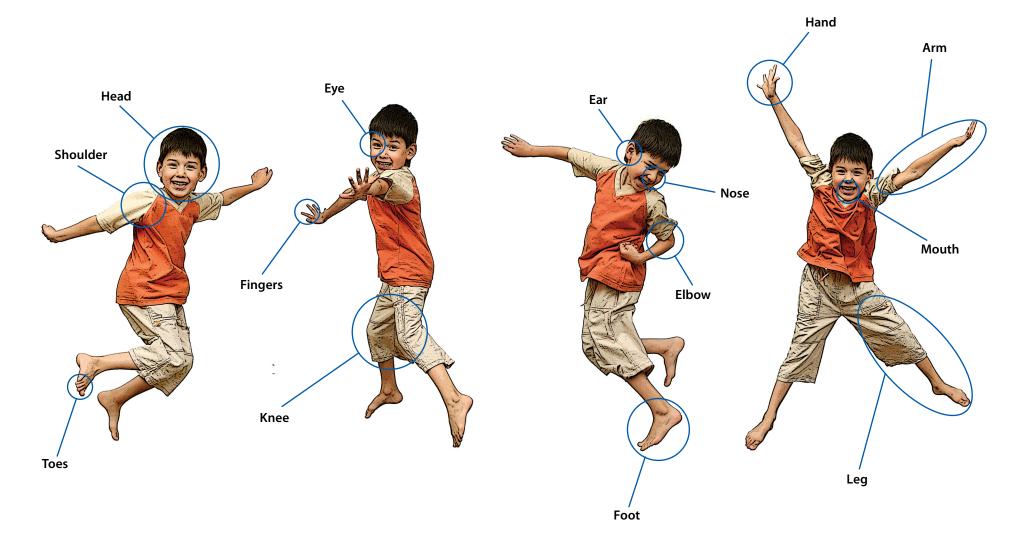
February 2019 Working with Time

Time waits for no one.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Fe	bruary is the shortest mont	h of the year.		1	Groundhog Day Take your child outside and stand in the sunshine. Ask if his shadow is bigger or smaller than his body.
Time your child to see all the things she can do in 1	4	Have your child wash her hands for 15 seconds (same time it takes to sing Happy	6	Help your child with the Ready Freddy Learn	8	Make a Friend Day Ask your child the names of his friends. Ask him to tell you
minute.	Time	Birthday 2 times fast).	how long it takes	About Time activity sheet. for them to get dr	essed.	what he likes best about each one.
10	11	Lincoln's Birthday Show your child Lincoln's picture on a penny. Give her a bag of coins to find all of the pennies.	13	Valentine's Day Help your child make Valentine cards for his friends and family.	Play the "quiet game". Ask your child to be still and quiet for 1 minute (60 seconds).	Library Visit Day! Can you find a book about telling time?
A 17	18	show your child	how to "tell time 20	4.5	22	\$ 23
Cook together and use a timer to see how long it takes to cook her favorite meal.	Presidents Day	Give your child a timer. Ask him to brush his teeth for 2 minutes.		Talk with your child about the different ways people traveled long ago and today.	Washington's Birthday	Race with your child: first - walking, then - skipping and last - running.
		Practice naming t	he days of the we	ek with your child		
Sing "Hickory Dickory Dock" with your child.	With your child, write the time she got up today and the time she will go to bed.	26	Give your child a paper circle and ask him to write the numbers they see on a clock.	28		



Can you name the different parts of your body?





Move your body.

March 2019 Motor Skills Month



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Read Across America Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday by reading Dr. Seuss' books to your child.	Library Visit Day! Can you find a book that's all about how our bodies work?
Ask your child to walk backwards. How far can he walk backwards?	4	Help your child trace their hand and have them color it in. He can use safety scissors and cut it out. Help your child l	6 earn to button and	Hopping Day! Play hopscotch or jump rope with your child. d zip her clothes.	8	Running Day! Take your child to a park and see how far you can run together in 5 minutes.
10	Help your child practice putting on her shoes and tying shoelaces.	12	Help your child practice making straight lines by using a ruler. Count the number of lines he makes.	14	Take your child outside to find things that are green. Sort them into 2 groups: living and non-living.	16
St. Patrick's Day Sing "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" with your child and touch the body parts as you sing.	18 Hav	Ask your child to draw a picture of something you see outside in the spring.	20 First Day of Spring	Ask your child to dress himself without your help.	22 ng.	Use the Ready Freddy Body Parts chart and ask your child to name all of the circled body parts.
24 Florida's Children's Week 31	Talk with your child about things that make him happy, sad, scared or excited.	26 Florida's Children's Day at the Capitol	Help your child make a circle by tracing around the bottom of a plastic cup.	28	Take your child for a ride and look for street signs. Talk about the shapes and colors and what they mean.	30



Good Friends are hard to find.

Connect the dots to find your friends.



Friends

Share

Are polite

Play fair

Invite

Include

Work together

Are kind

Wave hello

Help others





April 2019 Teamwork – Working Together

Make new friends, but keep the old.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	April Fools' Day	National Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Day Have your child make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.	3	Put a puzzle together with your child.	5	Teach your child to play a simple board game. Let him invite a friend over to play the game.
		Play games with y	our child to prac	tice taking turns.		
7	Work together to cut out paper shapes and glue them together make a picture of your house.	9	Help your child complete and color the Good Friends are Hard to Find Ready Freddy activity sheet.	11	Play the "rhyming game". Say a word and ask your child to say a word that rhymes.	13
		Have your chil	d practice followi	ng directions.	mymes.	
National Dolphin Day Read a book about dolphins with your child.	15	Have your child draw or color with a friend or sibling.	17	Play music and dance with your child.	Look Alike Day Let your child and his friend dress alike today.	Library Visit Day! Find a book about friends.
		Remind your chil	d to say "please"	and "thank you".		
21	Earth Day Help your child find things around your house that can be recycled.	23	Play "Simon Says" with your child and her friends.	25	Arbor Day Go outside with your child and count the trees together.	Tell a Story Day! Ask your child to tell a story about something they did with a friend.
	Н	ave your child try	something new e	ach day this week		
Have your child help a neighbor or friend with a chore.	29	Make instrucments out of things your find around your house and make music with your child.		our school district and chec tration and schedule a scho		



Look What I Can Do – Smiley Chart:)

Says "Please" and "Thank You"	Covers mouth when coughing or sneezing	Uses bathroom independently	Washes hands	Listens to adults or performs a chore	Gets dressed without help
11)					



Draw a smiley face in the appropriate box every time your child successfully completes the task. You can photocopy this to use every month if you like.



Show and tell what you have learned.

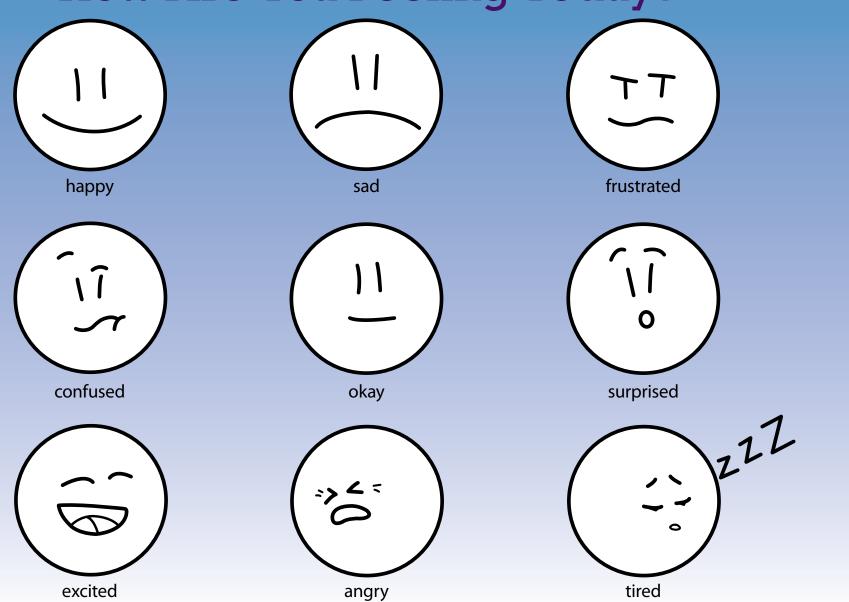
May 2019 Look What I Can Do



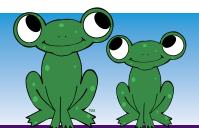
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- Smiley Chart each listed on the chart.	on the Ready Freddy Look W time your child performs one Seeing all of the things he can be more self-confident and re	e of the tasks n do by himself	Ask your child to draw a picture of something he learned today and of something he wants to learn later.	2	Ask your child to tell you words that rhyme with May.	Star Wars Day Provide props and let your child act out part of the Star Wars story.
Cinco de Mayo Help your child make maracas by filling plastic eggs with rice. Play Mexican music and dance	-	Give your child lids from different sized jars. Ask her to put the lids in order from smallest to largest.	8	Have your child go outside and blow bubbles with you. Use different sizes of bubble wands and see which one makes the biggest bubbles.	10	Library Visit Day! Can you find a book about someone learning a new skill?
Mother's Day With help from Dad or an older sibling, let your child make Mom breakfast	National Frog Jumping Day Have your child jump like a frog and measure how far she can jump.	14	While outside give your child balls of different sizes. Ask him to throw the balls in the air and see which one goes higher.	16	Have your child use blocks and small toys to make a neighborhood map. Have her use toy cars to "drive" around and tell you about each place she included.	18
Use your hands and mouth to create sound patterns (clap snap finger, click tongue). Ask your child to repeat them.	70 ,	Have your child cut out pictures from magazines that show different emotions. Ask him which picture shows happy, sad, mad, scared. Practice	22	Play with playdough with your child. Make different shapes by pinching, rolling, poking and squeezing the playdough.	24	Invite a friend over to play with your child. Before she comes, talk about ways to share toys and take turns.
26	Memorial Day Make a thank you card with your child and send it to a veteran.	28	Talk to your child about ways to care for books. Show her how to turn the pages gently and find a safe place to keep books at home.	30	Help our child learn to skip. Practice skipping on the grass and on a paved area.	



How Are You Feeling Today?







June 2019 Talk About Feelings

Use your words.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	skills. Check with y	g. Summer is a great time to your school and local library e summer reading program	y for fun activities.			National Trails Day "Get outside!" Take your child to a park or playground to go on a hike. Bring water bottles or a canteen to have water to drink.
2	Use the How Are You Feeling Today? Ready Freddy chart to have your child describe their day.	4	Ask your child to tell you things that make him happy and things that make him sad.	6	National Doughnut Day Buy a dozen doughnuts. Have your child count the doughnuts to find out how many make a dozen.	Best Friend Day Have your child tell you about her best friend. Ask her to tell you what makes her a good friend.
		Be kind	. Think before you			
Go outside with your child to look at the night sky. Ask her what she sees and "How is it different from the day sky?"		Explore Water Put big containers of water outside and let your child play using different sized cups, food coloring, squirt bottles and sponges.	12	Make a United States flag out of paper. Cut out red and blue strips and glue the stripes on the paper. How many stripes are there of each color?	Flag Day Take a walk with your child and count how many flags you see.	Library Visit Day! Look for a book about moods or feelings.
Father's Day With help from Mom or an older sibling, let your child make Dad breakfast.	Ask your child to find a toy that begins with the letter "t". Then have her find one that starts with a "b". Use several more letters to have her practice beginning sounds.	18	Ask your child to tell you about a time he was happy, sad, surprised, scared and disappointed.	20	First Day of Summer Have your child draw a picture that makes her think of summer.	22
National Pink Day Have your child help you make pink lemonade.	24	Allow your child to invite a friend to play. Give them items to play grocery store or restaurant.	26	Sunglasses Day Give your child an old pair of sunglasses. Tell him they are magic sunglasses. Ask him to tell you a story of how he would use them.	28	Play a game like "Hide and Seek" or "Duck, Goose" outside with neighborhood friends and family.







Getting ready for Kindergarten.

July 2019 Kindergarten Readiness Month

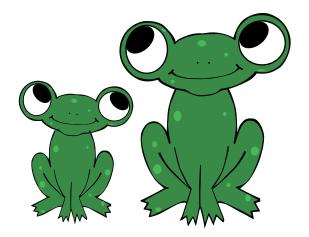
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Juliuay	Monday					•
7	8	Play a board game like Candyland with your child. Talk about the importance of taking turns.	3	Independence Day Take your child to watch a parade, fireworks or both!	5 • 12	Play some marching band music for your child and together march like the bands in parardes.
1	Read your child a book and ask your child questions about the characters in the book.		Have your child make a pattern using shapes (ex: square, circle, triangle, repeat). ce writing letters		Give your child a mag- net and ask them to find things around the house it will stick to or pick up.	10
7.4	1.0		te writing retters.		10	- 00
Take some teddy bears or stuffed animals outside and have a teddy bear picnic with your child.	15	Start a countdown to Kindergarten with your child. Use a calendar or write the number of days on a strip of paper. Put an X on the number for that day.	I I National Hot Dog Day	Talk with your child about the rules at home and ask her what kind of rules will they have in kindergarten.	19 National Lollipop Day	Library Visit Day! Find a book about Kindergarten or starting a new school year.
21 Parents' Day	Ask your child what they will do to make new friends in kindergarten.	23	Fill out the "On to Kindergarten" activity with your child.	25	Pretend to be the teacher for a PE class. Have your child run, jump, stretch and touch their toes. Then let him have a turn being the teacher.	27
		Prac	tice writing numb	ers.		
Give your child some coins to sort. Talk about the names of each coin.	29	Talk about different kinds of pets with your child and how you would care for each one. Ask which one they would like to have.	31	Get ready for you filling out the "AB calendar and take	r child's first day of ki Cs of My Child" found it to your school visi	ndergarten by I at the back of this t.



Family Resources

Parents,

Use the resources below to help support your child's learning at home. It is important to read with your child every day; talk with your child as you go about your daily routines; ask your child questions about her activities and daily tasks; and encourage your child to spend time outdoors to learn about nature and get physical exercise. Remember, you are your child's first teacher. She will learn social interactions from watching you interact with other people; new words as she listens to you talk and read with her; math and science concepts as you cook together, talk about the sky, the weather, different plants and animals and what makes machines work.



Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning

http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/resources/family.html

Center for Early Literacy Learning

http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/

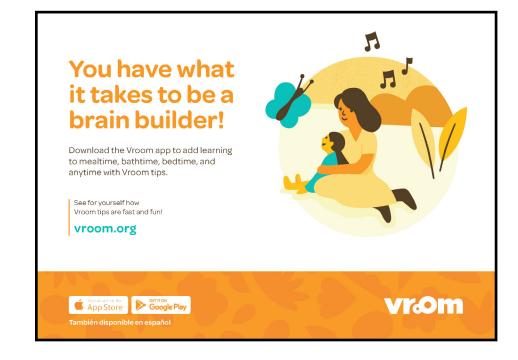
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National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Math Resources

https://www.naeyc.org/resources/pubs/tyc/ oct2017/backpack/math-its-important-and-fun

Vroom

https://www.vroom.org/





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The ABCs of My Child

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My child really likes:

I am most concerned about:

I am excited for my child to learn:

The people who live with my child are:

My child enjoys when we read this book or sing this song:

My child and/or our family could use help with:

I would like to be involved in my child's education in these ways:





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Cut out and complete these ID Cards in February. There are two, just in case one gets lost.

Ready	Freddy ID Card
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