

Smooth & Successful Transitions



Welcome!



- Thank you for being here!
- We appreciate all that you are doing to support learning at home.
- We are partners with the same goal in mind... helping your child succeed.
- We hope you are seeing wonderful development in your children and that you and your child have benefitted from participating in our preschool program.

End of the School Year

- Assessments & SEP conferences
- Graduation program
- Last day of preschool



Guaranteed Viable Curriculum

Can my child do these things?
Is my child prepared for Kindergarten?

What should a preschooler be able to do by the end of the school year?

- Enjoy coming to school and follow classroom routines 
- Recognize and name basic colors 
- Recognize and name basic shapes 
- Listen to and follow directions 
- Stay focused for 10 minutes 
- Understand concepts of print 
- Cut a straight line and a circle 
- Write their name the correct way 
- Work and play collaboratively with others 
- Ask and answer "wh" questions 
- Recognize, name, write and count numbers 0-10 
- Name all capital/lowercase letters 
- Tell what sound all letters make 



Avoiding the “Summer Slide”

- Children lose a considerable amount of knowledge that they have gained from preschool over the summer.
- We need to work together to avoid too much of a loss of knowledge and skills.
- Continue using Waterford!
- Epic Books



How to beat the **SUMMER SLIDE**



Have your child read for
at least **20 minutes**
every day.

Spend time **cooking**
together.



Explore different kinds of
reading material like picture books,
chapter books, and magazines.

Make use of your
local library.



Listen to **audio books** on
summer car trips.

Read aloud with your
children daily.



Review skills with fun,
hands-on review activities.

Engage in **meaningful
conversation** and help build
your child's vocabulary.



Enjoy a
new hobby!

Learn more about these great ideas at
<http://blog.AllAboutLearningPress.com/summer-slide>

Summer Activity Packets



Summer Learning Mats

PRE-KINDER EDITION

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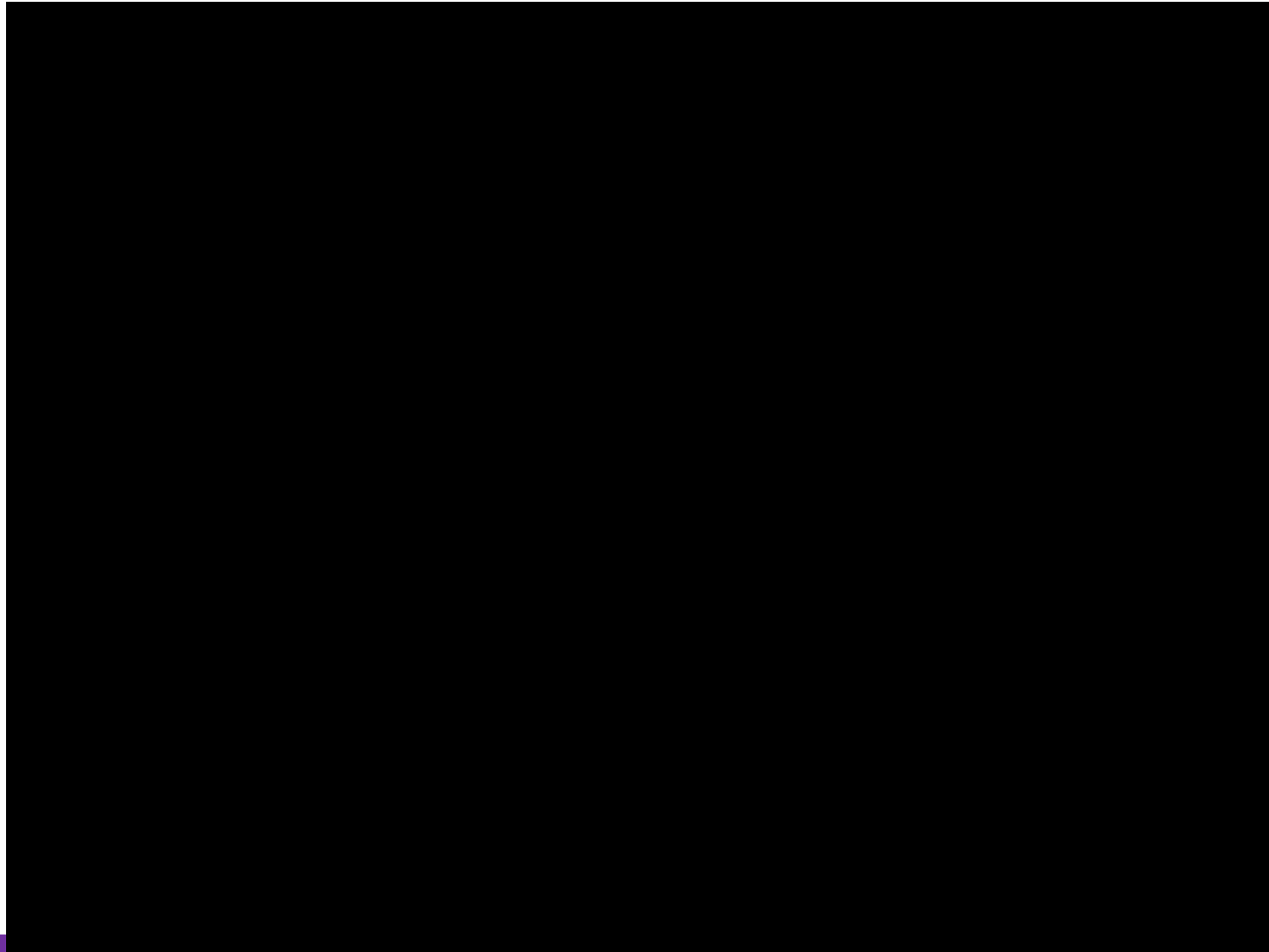
Summer Learning Mat: Week 6					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Math
Move-Your-Fingers Today you will be working on your fine motor skills. Use the provided paper to make your own string.	Tap-N-Count Today you will be working on your counting skills. Use the provided paper to make your own counting mat.	Whip-Up-A-Web Today you will be working on your web design skills. Use the provided paper to make your own web.	Think-It-Out Today you will be working on your problem-solving skills. Use the provided paper to make your own problem-solving mat.	Flash-N-Fluent Today you will be working on your fluency skills. Use the provided paper to make your own fluency mat.	

Summer Learning Mat: Week 1					
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Three-In-A-Row Board		
Count about 100.	Practice writing your name.	Hunt for squares in your house.
What letter sound starts these words? (bee, bug, bow, boy)	Listen to a story and draw a picture.	Write your number.

10 weeks

Transitioning



Transitioning Tips



STEPS to Make the Transition Easier

TALK TO YOUR CHILD

- Let your child know it's normal to be nervous.
- Express enthusiasm for new adventures.
- Get to know the teacher in advance.

- Let your child know you'll miss him or her too



ESTABLISH A ROUTINE



Start getting up and getting ready. What kind of goodbye feels best for him? Let him choose. Try leaving from a play date for a short period to build confidence



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

For more on school readiness, visit attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org

Activity Time!

Don't do the activity for your child... help them when needed.

Enjoy playing with your child!

For more ideas of what to do with chalk...

<https://whatmomslove.com/kids/sidewalk-chalk-ideas/>



101 insanely awesome
SIDEWALK CHALK

GAMES & ACTIVITIES



1	2	3
As you complete an activity, please mark it off.		
Once you have completed all of the activities, you can turn in your card for a FREE prize!		
4	5	6

1: Rainbow Writing Names

This is a classic way to help your child learn how to write and practice writing.

First, take a piece of white chalk and have your child write their name.

Then have them trace it with a few different colors of chalk.

As they add more and more colors, they'll see a rainbow forming.

Make sure to ask them which color they are using as they write.



#2: Water the Carrots

Draw 10 carrots for your child. Have your child write a letter inside each carrot. (Use letters that your child needs to review).

Then give your child with a water and give them instructions like “water the carrot that makes an ‘ahhh’ sound” or “get the carrot wet that has a ‘P’ on it”.



“ Water the 'Y' carrot...the carrot that says 'eee' ”

#3: Shape Maze

Have your child add a shape to the shape maze. They can pick which shape they want to draw.

Then have your child start by standing on a certain shape in the first row. They then have to only walk on that shape to get to the last row.

Have them pick another shape to practice and have them tell you the color of the shape as they step in it.



Driveway
Shape Maze

Get Moving and Get Learning!

#4: Number Line

Adult will draw a long line to create a number line.

Children will add the numbers 0-10.

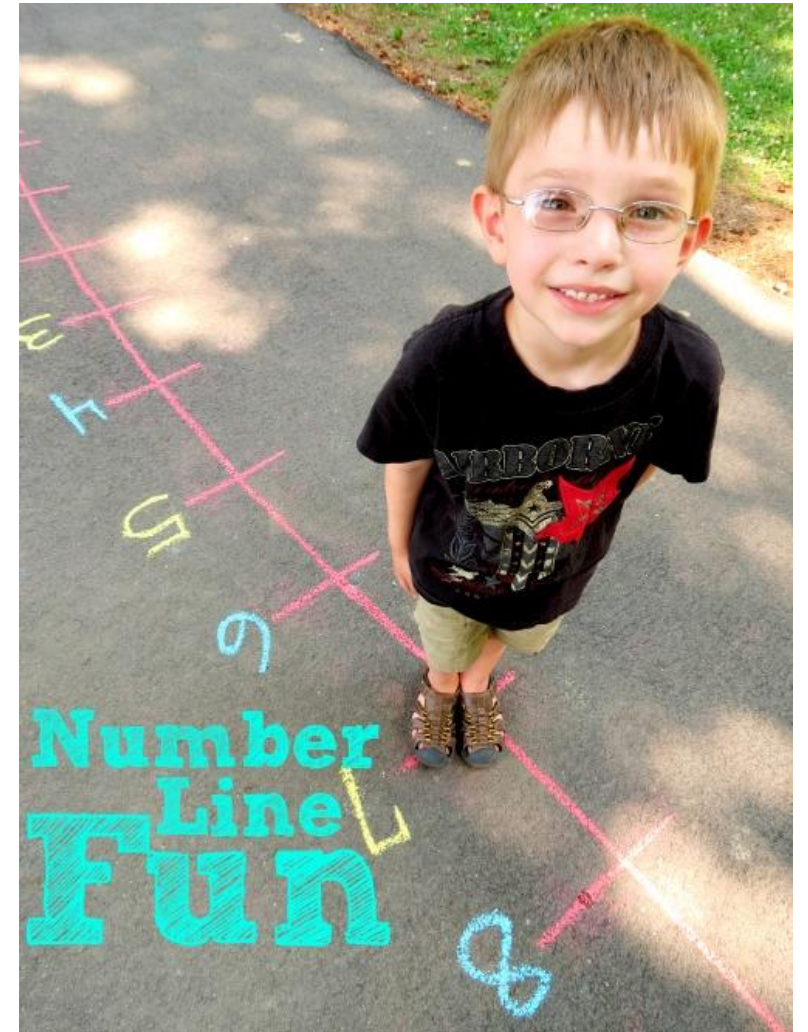
Adult will call out a number and the child will hop to that number.

You can also start addition and subtraction.

What's $6+3$? Use the number line to find out!

Stand on the six and hop forward three places.

What number did they land on? Do they need practice adding bigger numbers? Just make your number line a little longer.



#4: Chalk Maze

Use one of the pre-drawn mazes outside. Have the child walk through the maze themselves or drive a car through the maze. Encourage the use of positional words as they move, such as turn right or left, go in front/beside/above/under/near/far.



#5: Follow the Line

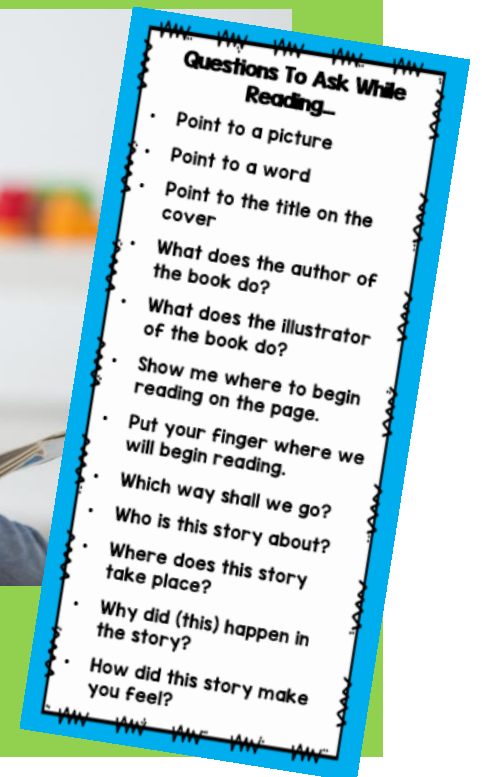
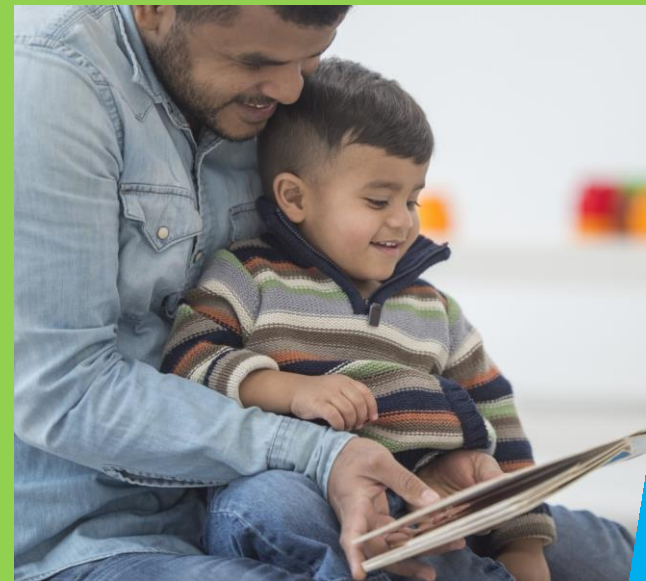
Test your child's balance, coordination and concentration just by drawing a line! Draw lines with squiggles and loops. Have your child walk the line, crawl the line, hop the line, etc.



#6: Reading

Pick a book and cuddle up with your child. AS you read the book, be sure to ask the following:

- Point to a picture
- Point to a word
- Point to the title on the cover
- What does the author of the book do?
- What does the illustrator of the book do?
- Show me where to begin reading on the page.
- Put your finger where we will begin reading.
- Which way shall we go?
- Who is this story about?
- Where does this story take place?
- Why did (this) happen in the story?
- How did this story make you feel?



Helpful Tips



Please Fill Out an Evaluation

Parent Evaluation Form



Please mark Yes or No in response to each question.

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This preschool program helped prepare my child for Kindergarten.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This preschool program was beneficial to my child.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I would recommend this preschool program to family and friends.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This preschool content was appropriate for my child's age.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	My child enjoyed this preschool program.

Additional feedback or comments are appreciated below and/or on the back.