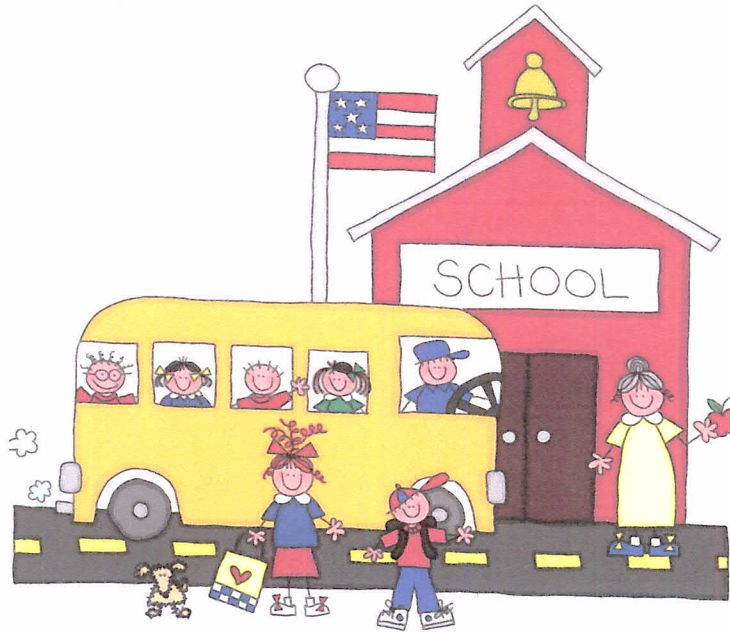
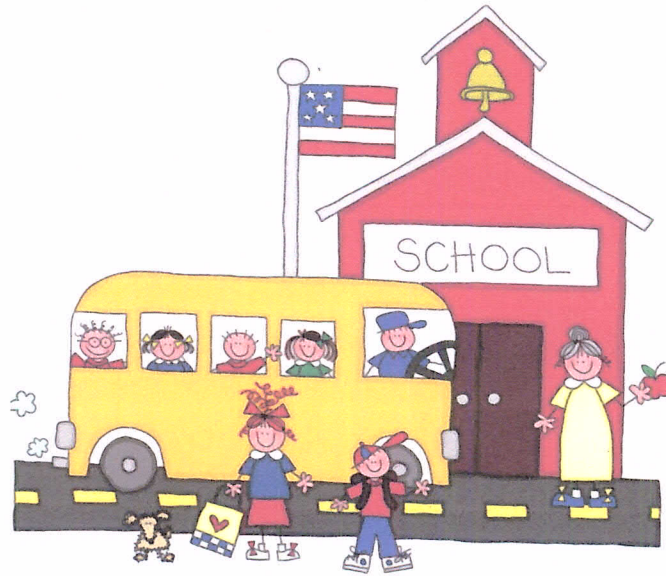


# Let's Get Ready for Kindergarten



Activity Packet  
Monsignor Clarke School  
Summer 2015



Dear Parents,

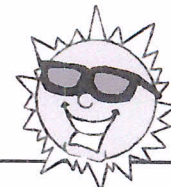
This summer packet is designed to help bridge the gap from preschool to kindergarten. Studies show that many school-aged children experience learning losses during the summer. The same studies show that children who read over the summer gain skills rather than lose them. Please work on the activities included in the packet and continue to read and write with your child. Students that complete and return the packet to their kindergarten teacher will receive a special certificate.

As summer is a time to relax, remember to spend time with family and friends, enjoy the outdoors, go places and nurture special interests. The challenge is helping children discover that reading and writing are fun!

Thank you for your help and support. Have a great summer!



# 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 Alikei
- *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. Joesse

## 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
- *Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans
- *More, More, More Said the Baby* by Vera B. Williams
- *Officer Buckle 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 Opie 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 Billy Goats Gruff* by Peter Christen Asbjornsen
- *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

## Friends

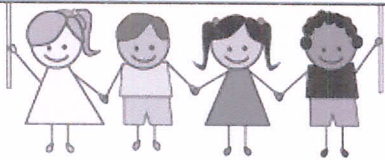
- *Benjamin and Tulip* by Rosemary Wells
- *We Are Best Friends* by Alikei
- *Who Will Be My Friends?* by Syd Hoff

## Fabulous Science 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

**Enjoy!**





# Handwriting Practice Worksheet

## Capital Letters

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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 Z

I can write my name!  
Practice



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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2 2 2 2

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5 5 5 5

6 6 6 6

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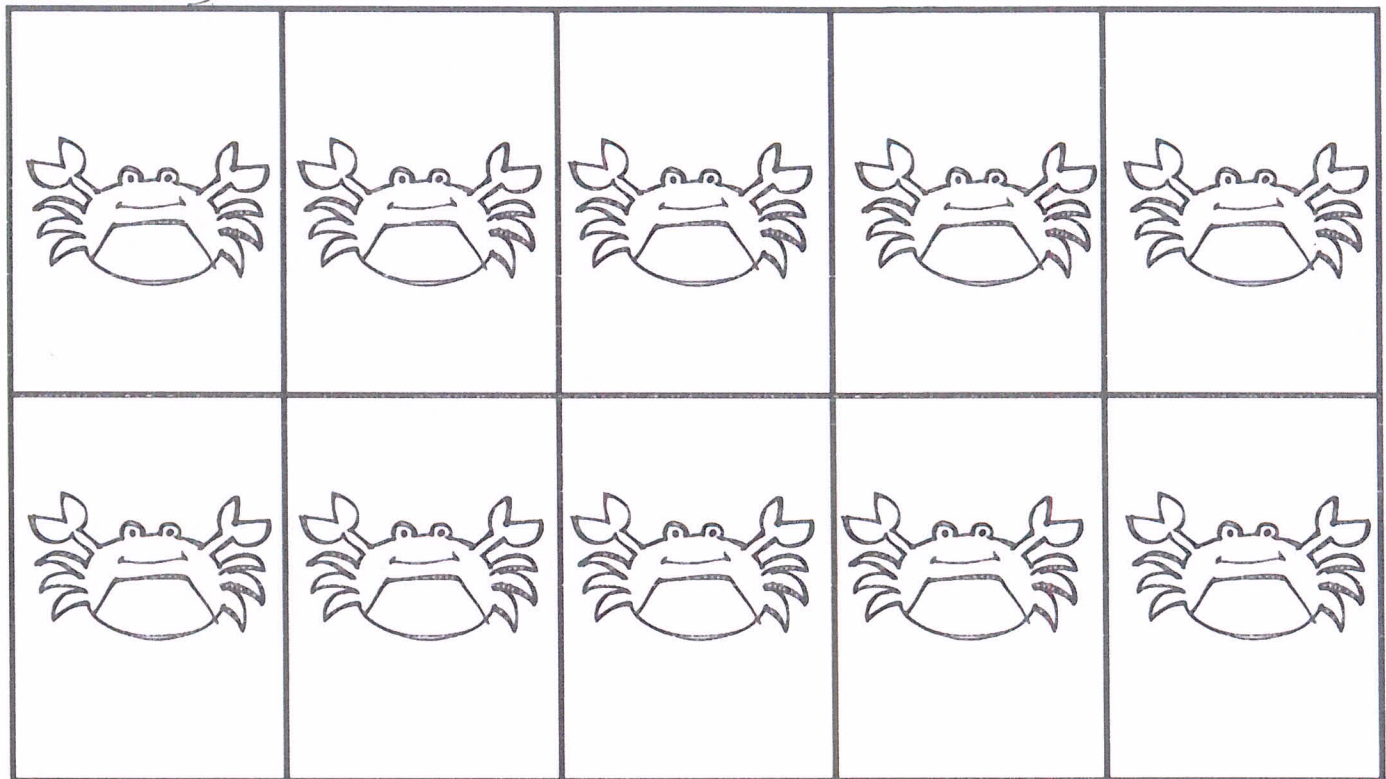
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# Crabs on the Beach



## Ten-Frame Grid Game

You Need:

Dice

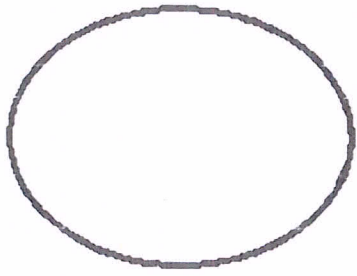
Beans, cereal, pennies, or other objects for counters

Directions: Color the crabs. Roll the die & put that number of objects on the grid. Clear the grid & roll a new number.

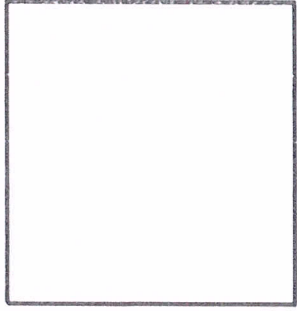
•Ask your child to describe their number to you. (*My number is 6. It's 1 more than 5. It's 4 away from 10.*)



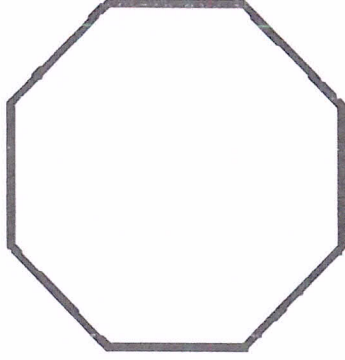
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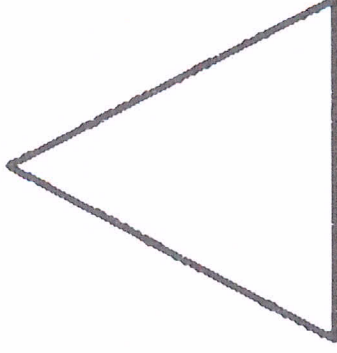
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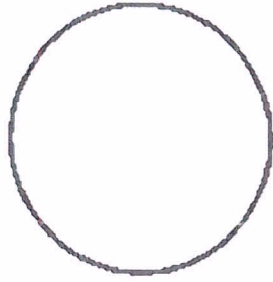
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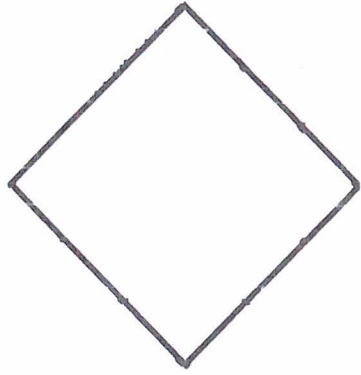
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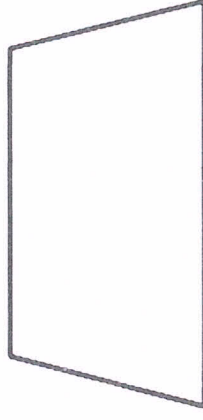
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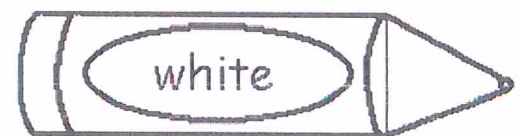
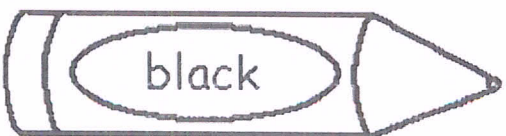
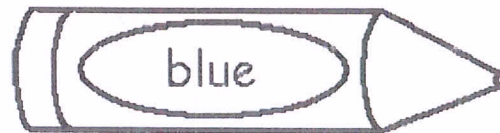
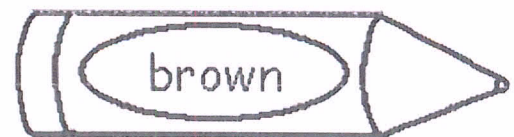
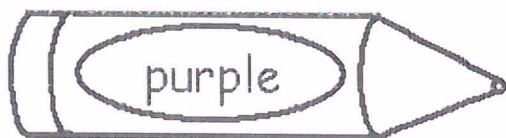
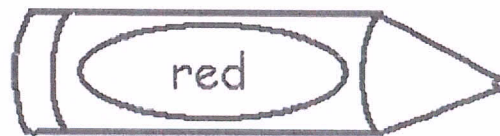
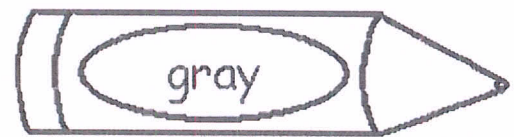
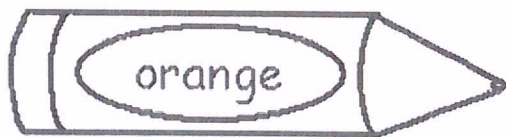
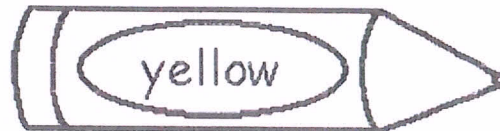
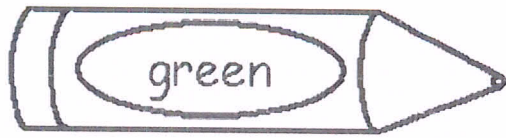
rectangle



trapezoid



Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Color the crayons to match their labels.

# Websites for Fun & Learning!



<http://www.starfall.com/>



<http://www.scholastic.com/clifford/>



<http://www.seussville.com/>



[http://www.fisher-price.com/en\\_US/GamesAndActivities/onlinegames/index.html](http://www.fisher-price.com/en_US/GamesAndActivities/onlinegames/index.html)



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<http://pbskids.org/games/index.html>



<http://pbskids.org/sesame/>



<http://www.meddybemps.com/>



<http://funschool.kaboose.com/preschool/games/index.html>



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