

KINDERGARTEN LITERACY BUILDING ACTIVITIES



Your growing reader can boost their literacy skills all summer long with these fun activities. Choose at least 15 activities to complete. Please record any work in journal when possible. Parents, Initial over each box as it is completed! Don't forget to return to next years teacher. Have fun!

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Have someone read a sentence from one of your favorite books. Repeat the sentence, taking a giant step each time you say a word. Try again with different sentences.	Play a rhyming game with a partner. Pick a word, and say rhyming words as you pass a ball back and forth. Play again with a new word to rhyme.	Think about your favorite story. Where do the characters live? Where does the action happen? Draw a map that includes details from the story.	Go on an indoor camping trip. Drape a sheet over two chairs to make a tent, bring a book, grab a flashlight, and go camping!	Think of an activity you do every day, like brushing your teeth or tying your shoes. Use the words first, next, and finally to describe each step in the process.
Pick a category, like animals, and name as many things as you can in one minute. Play again with another category, and try to beat your record!	Go on a sound scavenger hunt. Pick a letter, and say the sound it makes. Look for objects that begin with that sound. Keep track by making a list or taking photos.	Create a set of letter cards, one card for each uppercase letter and another for the matching lowercase letter. Shuffle the cards and see how fast you can match them all!	the • one • two • are • here • go • my • you Write each high-frequency word on a note card. See how quickly you can read them all. Then, try to beat your	How many syllables, or beats, do you hear when you say your name? Clap your hands for each syllable, Clap out the syllables in the names of friends and family members, too.
Draw a picture of yourself standing next to a book character. Explain to a friend or family member how you and the character are the same and how you are different.	Count the syllables, or beats, you hear when you name the months of the year. Which month has the most syllables? Which has the fewest?	FREE SPACE	Plan a birthday party for your favorite book character. Make an invitation and "send" it to other characters. Be sure to fill the party with things the character would like.	Tell a friend or family member about your favorite story. Describe it in three parts: the beginning, the middle, and the end.
Set up a reading nook. Make it comfortable with pillows, blankets, and stuffed animals. Be sure to leave room for your favorite book!	Draw a picture with interesting details. Tell a story about your picture. What's going on? What happened before? What will happen next?	Tell a friend or family member about your favorite informational book. Explain the main idea, and tell about three important details.	Write your name. Draw a picture (or take a photo) of something that begins with the same sound as each letter in your name.	Pretend to be a character from your favorite book. Dress up to look like that character, and talk in a voice you think they would use.
Write letters on the ground with chalk. Jump to each letter, and say the sound it makes. Then, name a word that begins with that sound!	Share your favorite book with a friend or family member. Show the front cover, the title, the author, and the illustrator. Then, show and describe your favorite page.	long • bouncy • cold • flat • furry • tiny • tall These are all describing words. Go on a scavenger hunt for items that fit each description!	Say five words that begin with the same sound as cat. Then, say five words that end with the same sound as cat. Finally, say five words that rhyme with cat.	blue • all • do • has • what • who • said • to Write each high-frequency word on a note card. See how quickly you can read them all. Then, try to beat your

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