

Kindergarten



Thank you for downloading a Kindergarten Kit!

We created these kits to prepare Medina County preschoolers for kindergarten. All kits have activities and information addressing the various educational domains of kindergarten readiness.

Activities for Kids

Fine Motor Skills at Home Tips

Clothespin Positional Activity

Are You Ready for Kindergarten Checklist

The Alphabet Around Us - Read the words you already know and hear the letter sounds.

Emotions Cards - Cut the cards apart. Speak face to face with your child so they can connect sounds and expressions. It is important for your child to be able to communicate how they are feeling with their teacher.

Scissor Skills - Cutting allows a child to build the fine motor skills in their hands, use their eyes and hands to cut properly, and use both sides of the body at the same time. Practice cutting scrap paper and magazines, too.

Letter Tracing - Practice tracing capital and lowercase letters.

Counting and Coloring - Color the correct number of boxes.

Supplies Needed

Pair of Scissors (for use with Scissor Skills sheet)

Clothespin (for use with Positional Activity)

Binder Sheet and Dry Erase Marker (put Letter Tracing and Counting and Coloring Activities in binder sheet and write on with dry erase marker)

More Activities

1000 Books Before Kindergarten - Develop early literacy skills and practice counting your growing list of books. Sheets available at your library or download at mcdl.info/EarlyLiteracy.

Get Ready for Kindergarten Book List - Engaging reads focusing on the areas of literacy, mathematics, physical well-being, and social skills. Download at mcdl.info/EarlyLiteracy.

Get Ready to Read Newsletter - Monthly flyers that feature a calendar of early literacy activities and skills along with rhymes, songs, and activities to do with your child. Download at mcdl.info/EarlyLiteracy.

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Fine Motor Skills at Home

Help your child develop strength & motor control

Make it FUN and hands on!

- Fine motor skills involve using small muscles in hands and fingers. It is the ability to pick up small things, cut with scissors, draw and write.
- To increase these skills:
- Tear paper and make a collage
- Do a variety of puzzles
- Peel and stick stickers or tape to paper
- Build or play with legos or blocks
- Color and write with broken crayons
- Trace objects
- String beads, noodles or cereal onto yarn
- Use tweezers to pick up cotton balls, marshmallows, cereal or other small items
- Use your finger to make lines, shapes and numbers in flour or sand on a cookie sheet
- Allow your child to cut paper, newspaper, leaves, playdough, ribbon, and other items.
- Play with playdough, rolling the dough into snakes, pinching off pieces, creating objects, using cookie cutters, and making prints with buttons, sea shells, toothpicks and other items.
- Water play using containers with lids, squirt bottles, spray bottles, sponges, tongs and tweezers (in the tub or in the sink) is fun and also helps build some fine motor skills and muscles.



Clothespin Positional Activity

Parent Info:

1. Understanding **positional words** enables a child to follow directions and creates an understanding of relationships between objects. Eventually, a command of positional words will help children with math concepts.
2. Let this activity be a time of sharing fun. You can use any item in place of the clothespin. Try gummy bears or legos. Children learn best through play!

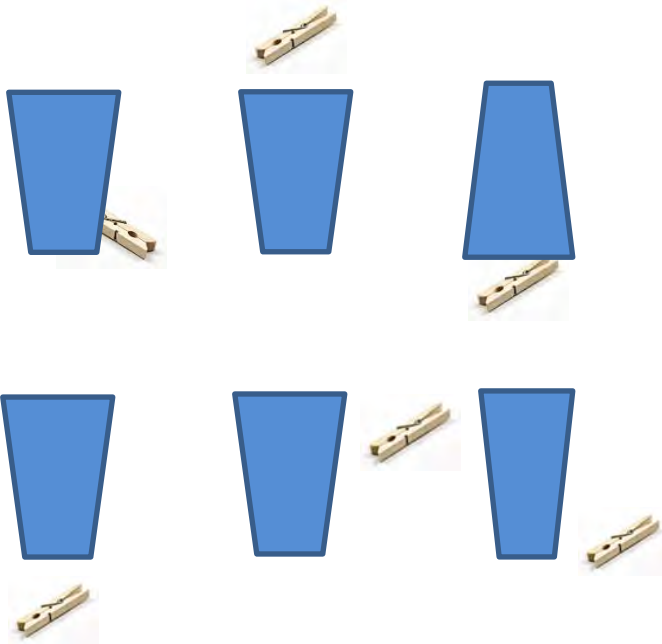
Supplies:

2 cups and 1 clothespin

Instructions:

1. Place the cups upside down and side by side on the table. Ask your child to do the following with the clothespin:

- ★ BEHIND a cup
- ★ ON TOP of a cup
- ★ UNDER a cup.
- ★ IN FRONT OF a cup
- ★ BETWEEN two cups
- ★ NEXT TO a cup.



2. Explain which cup is to the **RIGHT** and which is to the **LEFT**. Ask your child to place the clothespin on the right cup or the left cup.



Are you ready for Kindergarten?

Cooperate with other Children



Zip or Button Your Coat



Cut with Scissors



Use Restroom Independently



Use a Computer Mouse



Listen and Re-tell a Story



Count from 1-20 in order



Recognize Uppercase/Lowercase Letters
and Print First Name



Jump, Skip and Hop



Grasp a Pencil



Understand concepts like more/less, big/small,
above/below



Identify and Describe Function of Body Parts



Read Books Together Every Day!





























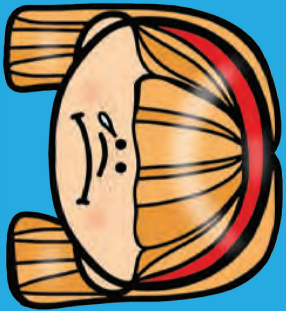
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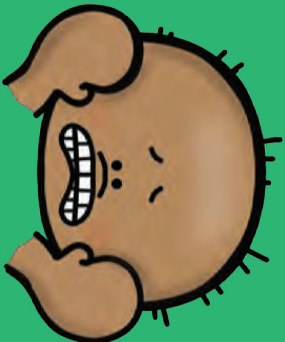
The Alphabet Around Us!

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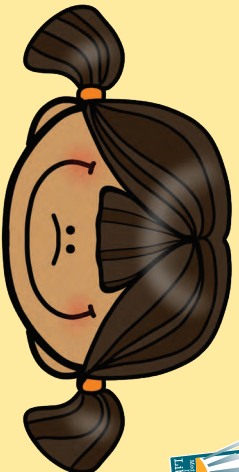
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Sad



Scared



Happy



Angry



Embarrassed



Tired



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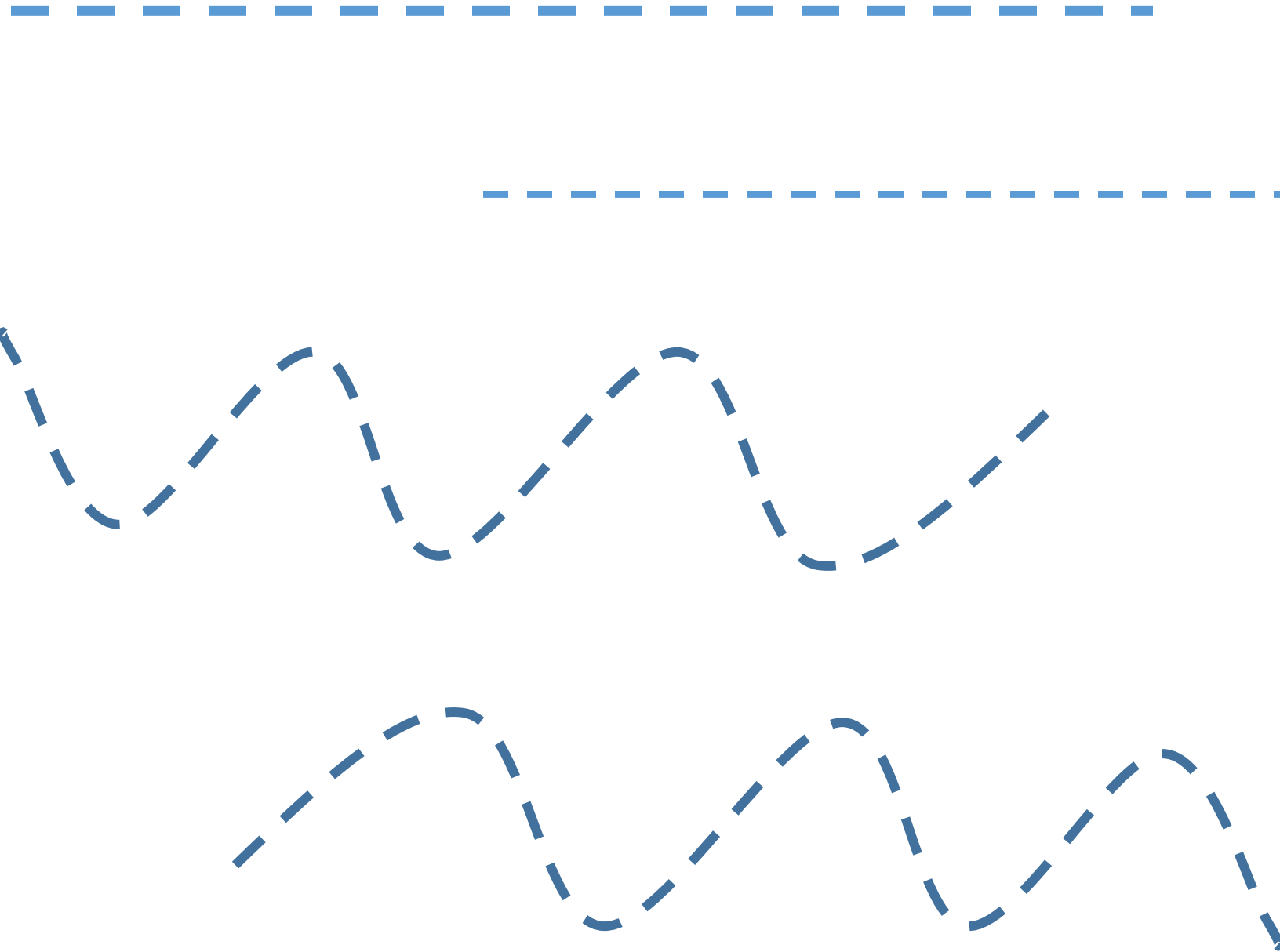


Scissor Skills are Essential



Cutting allows a child to build up the fine motor muscles in their hands; use their eyes and hands to cut properly; use both sides of the body at the same time. Practice cutting scrap paper and magazines, too.

Cut on the lines



Practice Tracing Your **CAPITAL** and lowercase letters

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg

Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn

Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu

Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

CAPITAL

lowercase

Count the items and color the correct number of boxes below the butterflies and the cars



