

Preschool Communication Arts

Month / Year	Essential Questions	Content	Skills	Assessment
August	What is your name?	Getting to know you and your school.	Recognize own name.	Teacher observation, student inquiry, class discussions, projects
	What are the names of your teachers?		Trace over letters of name.	
			Explore letters and sounds that begin each name.	
	What are the names of your classmates?		Recognize classmates names.	
September	What makes a good listener?	Listening skills	Listening Taking turns	
	Why is it important to listen?		Introduce letters and sounds Participate in songs and finger plays	
	How can you show respect during story and group time?		Use learning centers Follow directions	
	What is a letter?	Letters A,B,C,D		
	What sound does each letter make?			
		Print awareness		
October	Why is it important to speak nicely to others?	speaking etiquette	Children will answer specific questions when asked.	
	How do we speak in an appropriate tone?		Children will actively participate in conversations. Children will greet guests in the classroom in the proper manner.	

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	Why is it important to wait when someone is speaking?		Children will demonstrate patience while others are speaking.	
			Introduce letters and sounds.	
	When should we use the words; please, thank you, excuse me?		Participate in songs and finger plays.	
			Recognize and name a few letters.	
	What is a letter?	Letters E,F,G, H,I		
	What sound does each letter make?			
November	Where is the title of a book?	Book skills	Children will learn the correct way to handle books.	
			Children will listen to stories.	
	Where is the front and back of a book?		Children will participate in group discussions.	
			Children will identify the front and back of books.	
	Where do I begin reading?		Introduce letters and sounds.	
	What is a letter?	Letters J,K,L	Participate in songs and finger plays.	
	What sound does each letter make?		Children will repeat words and actions.	
December	Did you like the story?	Reading is fun	Children will retell a story with the events in proper order.	
	What was the important part of the story?		Children will predict what comes next in a story.	
	What happened 1st, next, last in the story?	Story sequencing	Children will be encouraged to enjoy and value reading.	
			Participate in songs and finger plays.	

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	Can you name this letter?	Letters M,N	Introduce letters and sounds.	
	What sound does each letter make?			
January	What does rhyming mean?	Rhyming words	Name various sets of rhyming words Participate in songs and finger plays.	
	What are rhyming words?		Match two pictures that rhyme	
	What is a letter?	Letters N, O, P, Q	Introduce letters and sounds.	
	What sound does each letter make?			
February	What is the difference between real and make believe?	Dramatic play in stories	Children will participate in dramatization of stories. Children will name things or situations that are real or make believe.	
	What is a letter?	Letters R,S,T,U		
	What sound does each letter make?		participate in songs and finger plays. Introduce letters and sounds.	
March	Can you relate to this story?	Sequencing stories	Children will retell important events in proper order.	
	Has this ever happened to you?	Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday March 2nd	Children will predict what comes next in the story.	
	What happened in the beginning , middle, end?	Nursery Rhymes	Learns and repeats common nursery rhymes.	
	What is a letter?	Letters U,V,W		
	What sound does each letter make?			

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April	Where do you see letters?	Print Awareness	Children will explore their awareness of the printed word.	
	What words do you know?		Participate in songs and finger plays.	
	What is a letter?	Letters X,Y,Z	Introduce letters and sounds.	
	What sound does each letter make?			
	What is an uppercase/lowercase letter?	Upper/Lowercase letters	Children will match uppercase and lowercase letters.	
May	Can you identify the letters of the alphabet in random order?	Alphabet review	Children will recognize some uppercase letters in random order.	
	What letter comes before/after?	Letter position	Children will explore letter position.	