



SAVADA VACATION HOMEWORK EARLY YEARS 2022



Dear Parents,

Greetings from The Millennium Education, I congratulate you all on the successful culmination of the school year 2021-2022.

As summer vacations approach, you must all be looking forward to many wonderful events.. We wish you safe travels and an abundance of joy, laughter, and love during this much awaited break with your children.

Summer vacation is probably the happiest time of a learner's life. A strong family understands that opportunities for quality time emerge from quantity time. Summer break is an excellent opportunity to make it a worth while period for the whole family.

We have enlisted some educational tasks to keep your child engaged in healthy learning activities, which, when done at home under your guidance, will enhance learning, and understanding of your child. Positive engagement during summer break can determine the level of engagement for the next academic session.



Introduction

Home school engagement plan is a great way for our learning community to help our learners keep learning through the current time and summer. The goal of this Education Enhancement plan is to support learners in bridging the gap for the next level with the minimal regression of basic skills. Here, you'll find varied ideas for purposeful engagement of learners to facilitate them in getting ready for the next grade, like letter recognition, shape, colour pages, or games to play independently or with parents.

Directions for Parents:

Home school engagement time could be a great time for young children to learn with parents. Many wonderful things happen even during this time once your little one is around, like trips to zoo, beach, park, picnics, family walks and outings to museums. Your goal should be, how to assisst the children during family activities as well as self-directed engagements. You may also make a list of activities, depending upon the interest of your child. Your activities should have learning as well as quality family time. Try some of the following ideas, and make up some of your own.

Ideas for Making Learning a Fun Filled Experience:

Develop and incorporate reading and writing into everyday activities. Some ideas are:

- Watching TV with the sound off.
- Reading directions for how to play a new game
- Helping with meals by writing up a grocery list, finding things in the grocery store, and reading the recipe aloud for mom or dad during cooking time.

Encourage Writing:

Give each of your cild a stamped, addressed post card so they can write to you about their trip or any adventure.

- Recycle school notebooks and paper into summer journals or scrapbooks.
- Start with a book: keep a nature journal, create age appropriate poetry, share a recipe, make
 a to do list, or keep a scrapbook of expressing varied day to day events through drawing or
 scribling.



- Cook dinner together. Show your child how to measure 1 cup, 1/2 cup, and 1/4 cup.
- Practice writing words with sidewalk chalk.
- Plant a flower together. Talk about what plants need to grow. (Sun, water, etc.)
- Watch a thunderstorm. Be excited! Talk to your child about dark clouds, thunder, and lightning.
- Let your child write a letter to someone, then let your child purchase the stamp and mail the letter at the post office.
- Grocery day: Take a list and let your child help read the list and locate items.
- Play outdoor games. Teach your child to play jacks, hopscotch, or marbles.
- Share an umbrella! Walk in the rain together. Look for rainbows, frogs, and count puddles.
- Make ABC cupcakes. Using a decorator bag, let your child draw letters on them.
- Go for a walk on the beach, or by a nearby lake. Take pictures of wildlife, and make a book at home.
- Visit the pet store. Talk about animal varieties, foods, care items, and responsibilities of pet ownership.
- Housecleaning day! Let your child help. They can dust, clean windows and more. Start a chore chart.
- Go to the library or a book shop for story day. Be sure to bring home books. Keep it up all the time!
- Get a cookbook for children and make recipes together. Using words and pictures, let your child help read instructions.

- Discuss good nutrition habits with a food pyramid. Start naming the food groups when you serve them. Soon, your child will learn them.
- Keep a chart of temperatures in the city that you are visiting.
- Classify days according to weather: sunny, cloudy, and rainy. Keep records on different cities that you visit.
- Take pictures or gather postcards of places you visit. Keep a scrapbook and write short notes or descriptions of these places.
- Draw pictures of places that you visit.
- Make a list of all the things that are different in the country/city you visit.
- Record all the types of transportation you use in your travels. Draw a picture of each type and tell what you liked or didn't like about that mode of travel.
- Cut out pictures from magazines of objects that begin with the letters of the alphabet.
- Start at A and make a book of all the letters in the alphabet.
- Play games with objects that you see: guess what letter they begin and end with; think of words that rhyme with them; think of words that begin with the same letter.
- Count objects that you see. Play hand games: show an amount of buttons, coins, stones etc. Ask: How many did I take away?
 - Sort the objects into categories: colour, texture, size and shape. See how many ways the child can sort the same objects.
 - Classify pictures of animals: fur, feathers, water, and insects are a few of the areas that a child might use.
 Cut out and paste in a book and add to this as more pictures are discovered.
 - Write stories about inanimate objects personify the object and describe some of the things that it does.

Roadworthy (ar Games

Travelling is a significant part of our day to day lives these days. To make travelling a fun-filled learning experience we are sharing following few 'roadworthy' car games that could be easily played. This will support parents in putting those long rides to good use with activities that keep the children busy and build basic skills especially reading and math skills.



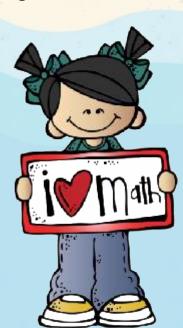
Mathematical Activities for Car:

- Car bingo: Create a car bingo card with words, shapes, colours, and items that children will likely see during a trip (stop signs, billboards, railroad signs, etc.) to reinforce reading skills, math, and sight words.
- The number game: Look out the window and call out when you see one, two, three, or four of something, and so on.
- The alphabet game: One person chooses the right side of the road, and the other chooses the left. Call out objects that you see in alphabetical order (you can use a sign only for one letter). The first person to get to the letter "z" wins.
- Capital game: Take note of each license plate you see, not by city, but by provincial capital i-e LHR 007 means Lahore 007 etc. The first to correctly identify 10 provincial capitals wins.
- Cow game: One person takes the right side of the road, the other takes the left. Keep count of all the cows you see. You earn one point for each cow. When you see a cemetery out of your side of the car, you lose all your points.
- Animals galore: Decide on a number of points for each animal that you see (cow = 1 point, horse = 1 point, goat = 2 points, donkey= 3 points etc.). As you drive, add up the points. Play until one person gets 10 points, or for a set time.
- Math with license plates: Use the numbers on license plates to practice addition, subtraction, multiplication, and number patterns and see just how creative children can get!

Phonological Activities for the Car:

I Spy in the Car": Say, "I spy something in the car that begins with /s/." Let your child guess the object. For /s/ it might be seat or seatbelt. Take turns being the caller and the finder.

Count the words: Have your child make two fists. Say a sentence and then have your child say it with you. As each word is said, tell your child to put up one finger. Count how many words are in the sentence. This activity helps your child build an awareness of words.



Clap the syllables: Clapping is a fun hands-on way to determine parts (syllables) of a word. Say a word and have your child clap the parts of the word i-e say if the word is 'happen' it has two syllables 'hap-pen', the child will clap two times.

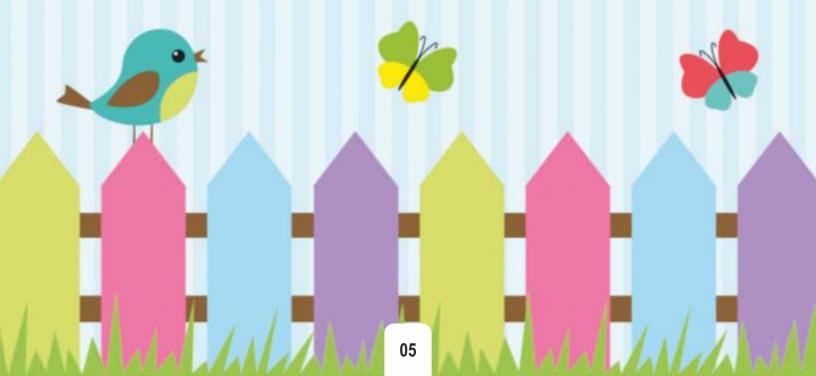
Play with beginning sounds: Have your child name something they see outside their window. Repeat the word and ask, "What sound do you hear at the beginning of _____?" Then, say the word again and let your child respond with the correct beginning sound.

Create tongue twisters: Alliteration is the repetition of a sound in a sentence. It is also known as a tongue twister. Name the colour of the car in front of you and determine the beginning sound of that colour. Then, create a tongue twister with that same sound. Let each person in the car try to say the tongue twister. Who can say it the fastest?

Red racers rode recklessly round and round.

Stretch it Like a Rubber Band: For this activity you will say a short word such as bed, fun, or cat. Have your child use their hands to stretch the word out like a rubber band and say each sound he hears in the word.

Name the Sound: This game involves listening and speaking. Ask your child to be very quiet and listen for sounds on your trip. When s/he hears a sound, have her/him name it. For example, s/he might hear the beep-beep of a horn. Then, have her/him tell you the beginning or ending sound of the object that made that sound. In this example the beginning sound is /h/ and the ending sound is /n/. Play these phonological awareness games in the car to help your child develop prereading skills!



Reading Over Home Time

Child's quality time at home really does make a difference to his/her learning. Here are few tips for the development of reading skills at home.

Reading aloud a favourite story to your child daily:

Reading can be a family activity. Spending time with word games, stories, and books will help your child build a rich vocabulary.

Give pleasure of reading so that your child falls in love with books:

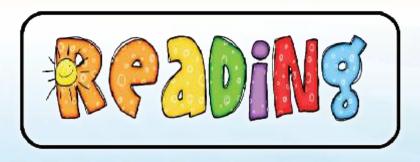
Kindly avoid comparing your child's reading abilities, not all children develop reading skills at the same pace.

Talk to Your Child:

Talk to your child as much as you can. Remember, verbal language is the foundation for reading. Listening and speaking are a child's first introduction to language.

Make Reading Fun, Read with drama and excitement!

Use different voices for different characters in the story. Use your child's name instead of a character's name. Make puppets and use them to act out a story. Choose texts and authors that your child enjoys. Read stories that have repetitive parts and encourage your child to join in. Point to words as you read them. This will



help your child make a connection between the words he or she hears and the words on the page. Never forget to praise your child for his or her ideas and participation!

Talk About Books

Talking about the books is just as important as reading them. Discussing a story or a book with your child helps your child understand it and connect it to his or her own experience of life. It also helps enrich your child's vocabulary with new words and phrases. Look at the cover and the title of a book with your child, and ask your child what he or she thinks might happen in the story or what the book may be about.



The Early Years are critical to developing a lifelong love for reading. It's never too late to begin reading with your child! The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child.

Read together every day

Read to your child every day. Make this a warm and loving time when the two of you can cuddle close. Give everything a name Build your child's vocabulary by talking about interesting words and objects. For example, "Look at that airplane! Those are the wings of the plane. Why do you think they are called wings?"

Say how much you enjoy reading Tell your child how

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much you enjoy reading with him or her. Talk about "story time" as the favourite part of your day.

Read with fun in your voice

Read to your child with humour and expression. Use different voices.

Know when to stop

Put the book away for a while if your child loses interest or is having trouble paying attention.

Be interactive

Discuss what's happening in the book, point out things on the page, and ask questions.

Read it again and again

Go ahead and read your child's favourite book multiple times

Talk about writing, too

Mention to your child how we read from left to right and how words are

separated by spaces.

Point out print everywhere

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OCCER TIME!

Garden Day

BAKE, MICE, BAKEI

Talk about the written words you see in the world around you. Ask your child to find a new word on each outing.



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Outdoor activities

Eating Outdoors:

Summer isn't really summer unless you spend at least part of the balmy evenings cooking up delicious meals outdoors. After all, every child knows that food tastes a whole lot better when it's eaten in the fresh air – and now you can prepare the food outdoors as well! Cooking outdoors is always a treat. Some food can even be prepared beforehand, so that on the day the actual cooking time can be kept to a minimum.

Teddy Bear Picnic:

All children love teddy bears, and some toddlers refuse to go anywhere without their special companion. So why not host your own teddy bear picnic? Combine eating outdoors with yummy food and furry friends, and everyone will be guaranteed to have a great time.

Even the most timid of children will enjoy a Teddy Bear Picnic, as he or she will be able to invite a cuddly friend along for comfort. But don't limit your guests to bears.

Fun with Water:

Help your kids keep their cool this summer by introducing them to the world of water. Water fun is a great way for children to have a great time and release some of their boundless energy while they're at it. And when the summer weather begins to cloud over, there's always the indoor pool!

A paddling pool can be an unending source of fun for young kids. Paddling pools are even more fun if you use a little imagination. Buy pool toys including animal inflatables, take out your children's favourite bath time friends, or invite some plastic bowls, cups and spoons into the pool for your children to splash around with and enjoy. Bring out the hosepipe for more water fun. Remember, make sure your children are supervised at all times – even a shallow baby pool can be dangerous.

Gardening:

If you have a yard or some space on a sunny windowsill, you have the perfect setting for a kids garden. Take some watermelon seeds and watch them sprout and grow. Whether you get watermelons or not is irrelevant...the fun is in watching the vines spread out and grow.



Indoor Activities

Parent - Child activities:

This is a list of parent/child activities that is intended to enhance the travel of children who will be away from school for an extended period of time. You do not need to do all, these are simply suggestions to make your trip a more enjoyable educational experience.

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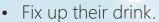
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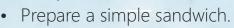
Household Chores:

Research shows that children learn in many ways about family relationships and how their family functions. Being involved in household jobs is one way they can learn.

When children contribute to family life, it also helps them feel competent and responsible. Sharing housework can minimize stress in a family. Getting kids involved in chores helps the family work better. They can help in the following ways:

- Cleaning wardrobes
- Washing utensils
- Washing clothes
- Washing a car or bicycle
- Making their own sandwich
- Packing their own bags
- Listening to music
- Pick up toys and books.
- Put clothes on clothes hooks.
- Set placemats on the dinner table.
- Set the table for meals.
- Help with preparing meals, under supervision.
- Help with grocery shopping and putting away groceries.











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Frozen 2





How To Train Your **Dragon: The Hidden** World



The Aladdin

Spies in Disguise



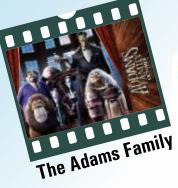
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The Big Trip

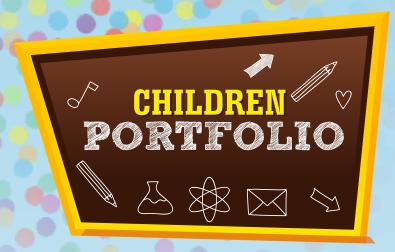












- Make a Portfolio according to the mentioned themes above.
- Talk about the theme.
- · Show your children the relevant theme and environment.
- Allow them to express their feelings through painting.

Themes:

- Seasons
- Colours
- Flowers
- Birds
- Animals
- Dresses

- Fruits
- Sports
- Toys
- Space

One of the biggest complaints is that children tend to lose academic skills during the period when they stay at home. A great tool to keep reading and writing skills in good shape is to keep a diary. Start each day with the entry of plans of the day's event. When your adventurers return home, they can add pictures and notes about the highlights of the day. The pictures can be drawings or prints from a digital camera.



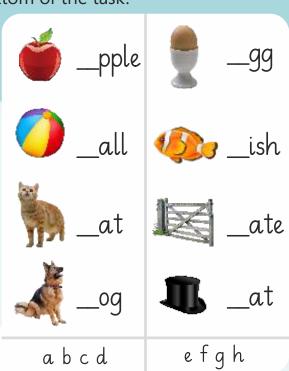
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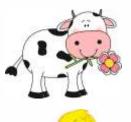


MISSING LETTERS

Fill in the missing letter in each word. As a clue, it will be one of the letters at the bottom of the task.



Match the animals with their babies.















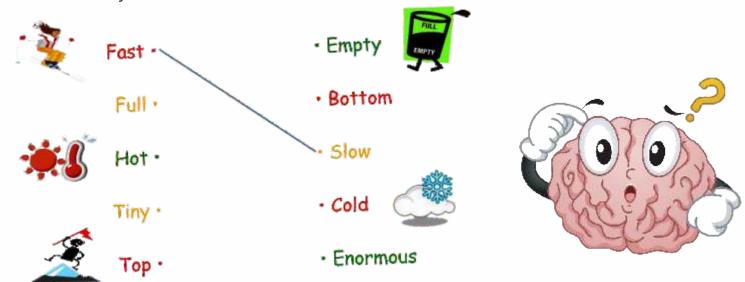


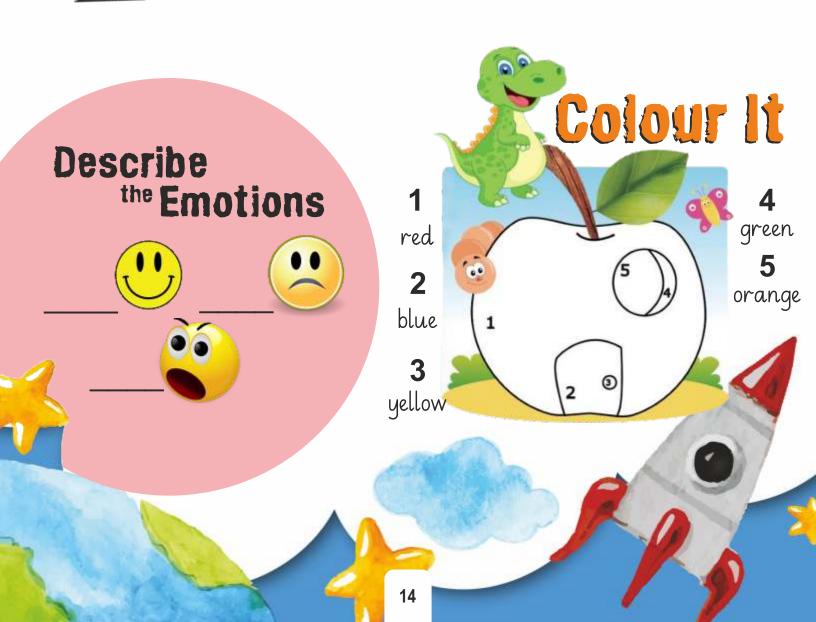




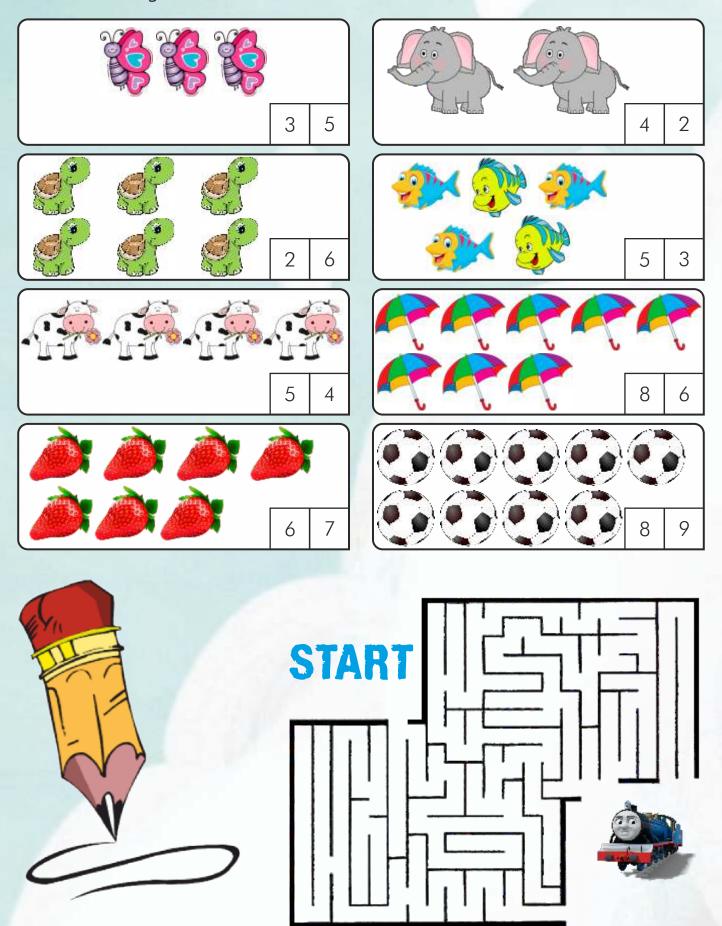
MATCHING OPPOSITE

Join the words that have opposite meanings. We have done one for you.





Circle the matching number for each set.

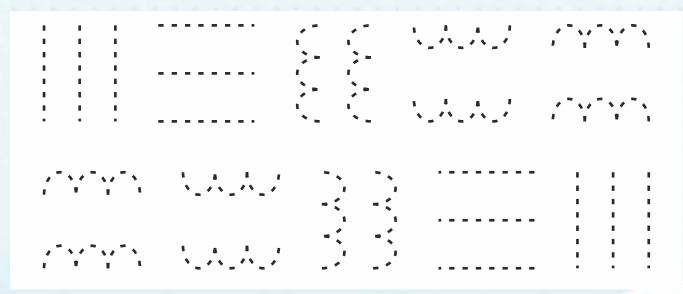


HOLIDAY BINGO - PLAY GROUP

brush your teeth	learn how to button	sort your socks from
twice a day everyday	up your shirt	the washing line
talk about your favourite book with your mum	try to dress up on your own, surprise your mum	visit your grandparents' house
drink milk twice a	learn to zip up	play Simon say
day every day	your jacket	with your family

WRILLEN WORK INSTRUCTIONS:

- ★ Make a booklet related to the following phonemes s, a, t, p, i, n, m and d. Write each phoneme five times using primary colour crayons and draw/paste two vocabulary related pictures with each.
- **★** Learn and write numbers from 1 7.
- ا سے ذ تک حروف کو تین رنگوں کے جاک سے کھیئے اور دہرائیے۔
- ★ Make a sun using crayons, markers, stickers, or any other material.
- * Make a model of your home with the help of recyclable materials.
- * Make a photo frame using buttons/beads; paste a photo of yourself while planting a tree or helping any community helper around you.
- * Pre-writing strokes.





Communication Language and Literacy (Urdu)

* حروف تهجی؛ آسے ق تک کھئے۔

* قاعده حروف کی کہانیاں سے آسے ق کی دہرائی کیجے۔

* آسے ژکے ذخیرہ الفاظ کا کتا بچہ بنایئے۔

* مختلف بجلوں اور سبریوں کا کتا بچہ بنائیے۔

Communication Language and Literacy (English)

- ★ Practice writing letters "s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, e, u, r, h and k. Write one letter per page in your notebook and draw/paste an object starting with that letter.
- **★** Draw and colour the concepts, hot/cold and tall/short.
- * Read the readers, identify and colour the following words; (mum, dad, biff, chip, kipper, floppy, house, you, she, on, for, and, was, I, put, hat, at, the, was, get, look, too, come, said)

Mathematical Development

- ★ Learn and write the forward counting 1-30 in your notebook (both vertically and horizontally).
- **★** Write the numbers in order from 0-10 on the number line.
- * Make a shape-train using, the shapes 'rectangle, sphere and cylinder'.



BINGO - JUNIOR YEAR

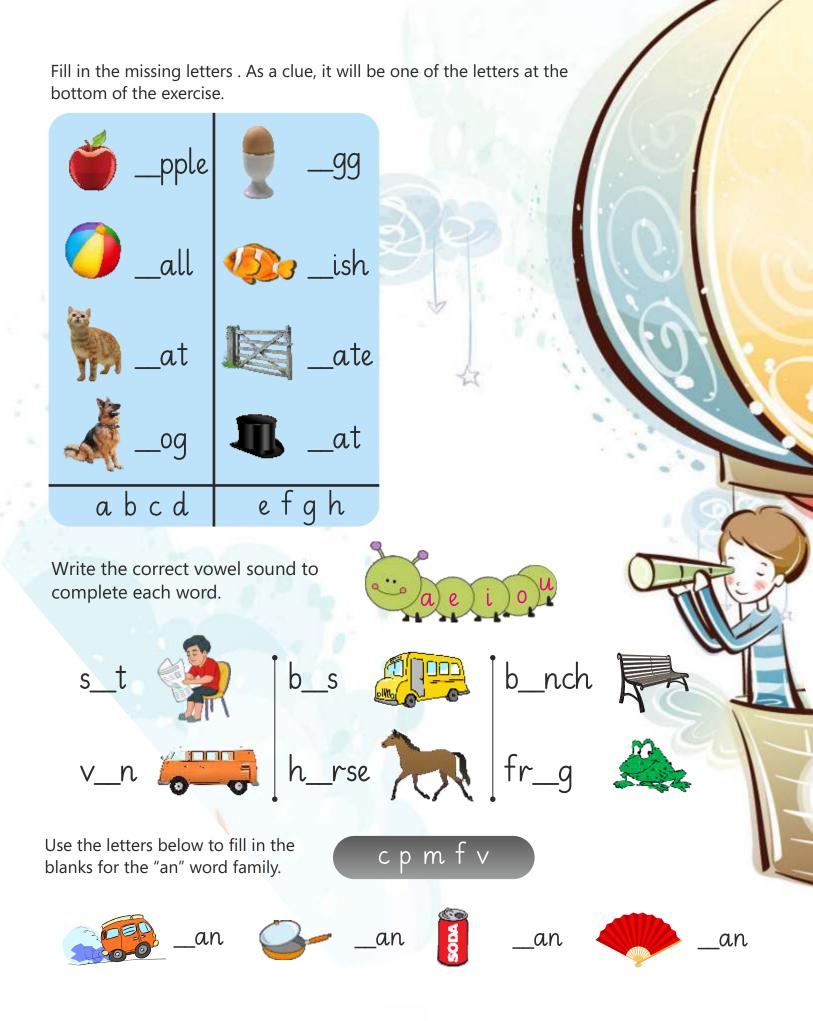
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write numbers 1 - 50 (written)	learn to tie your shoe laces	talk about your favourite book with your siblings/parents	organise your cupboard and share your clothes with a needy person	prepare your favourite dish with your mum and learn the names of all the ingredient
write your name 5 times (written)	make a hopscotch and revise forward counting	learn your address and phone number	visit your grandparents' house and meet all your cousins	play Simon says with your friends
order lunch at a restaurant of your own choice	write number spelling 1 - 10 (written)	make a phoneme booklet(a - z) & paste phoneme related objects in it (written)	plan a vacation trip with your family to your favourite destination	make a shape-man with the help of circle, square, rectangle and triangle and write the names of all the shapes (written)
help your mother in the kitchen in sorting all the utensils	sing ABC song while travelling in the car	make a booklet of CVC words. Write 5 words from each family. -at, an, ap words (written)	learn how to button up your shirt, practice it till the time you attain perfection	sort your socks from the washing line
brush your teeth twice a day every day	prepare رونوبتی booklet, write all the letters & paste the pictures of related vocabulary from any magazine (written)	clean your bedroom	try to dress up on your own, surprise your mom	make a list of different summer items

Bingo Instructions

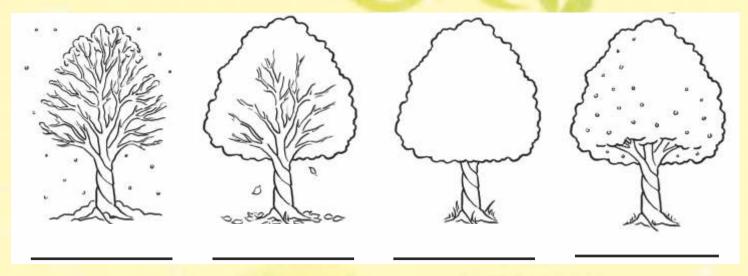
- Choose any activity mentioned in the bingo chart.
- Once done put a cross on that particular box.
- When all the tasks mentioned in the bingo chart are done, the child will shout out loud BINGO!
- Hand over your booklets along with your bingo chart to get a certificate from your teacher.

Written work instructions

• Take a thin register or attempt all the exercises on loose sheets and save in a folder, bring it to your teacher in August.



Name and colour the season.



Missing Vowels



Match the pictures of the fruits with their name.



-AP FAMILY FLASHCARDSMatching words with the pictures.

JOIN THE NUMBERS







































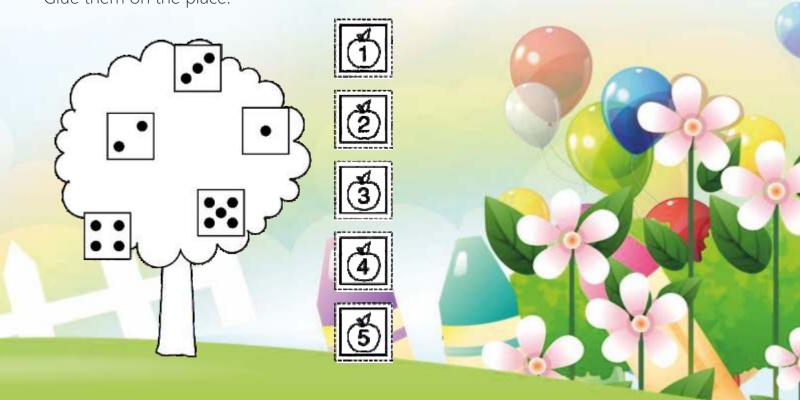
APPLE PICKIN' MALCH

Colour cut outs of the apples on the right of this worksheet.

Carefully match the apples with

the corresponding number on the tree.

Glue them on the place.



Trace and read the words then draw a line to the person with that emotion

scared

happy

surprised











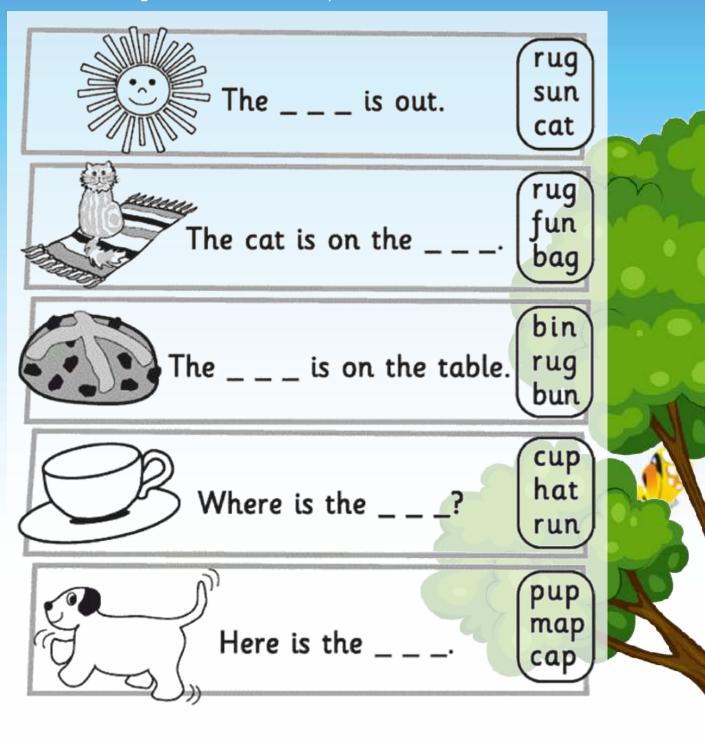
Write the correct sight words in the boxes.





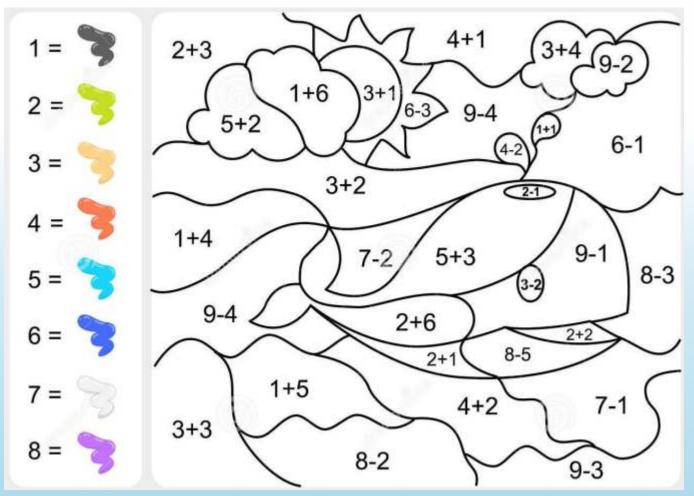
WORDS AND PICTURES

Write the missing word that match the picture.

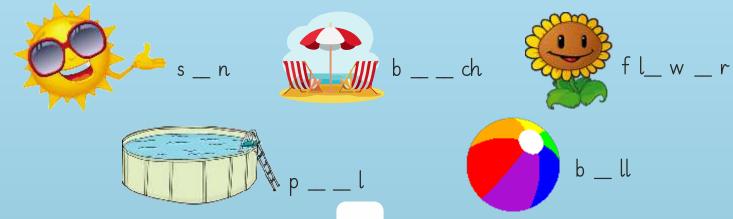




Solve, colour and find the hidden animal.



Summer Words: fill in the blanks with vowels.



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	clean your room and learn to make your bed	write Aa - Zz and colour the vowels blue and consonant red	learn to tie your shoe laces	visit your grandparents' house	write number spelling one - twenty
	eat healthy food, discuss its benefits and make a healthy menu for your holidays	enlist 10 nouns from a park and use an adjective with them. Do this activity in your booklets	make your vocabulary booklet. Write 5 words each from the following word families. un - bun ut - cut at - cat ag - bag an - can	organize your cupboard & share your clothes with a needy person	prepare your favourite dish with mummy, decorate it and serve it to your family.
-	order lunch at a restaurant according to every one's choice	do 15 simple 2 digit addition and subtraction sums (written)		plan a vacation trip with your family to your favourite destination	write ty - teen numbers in your math booklet (written)
	make different colours by mixing primary & secondary colours. Paint the copy page & write the colour name	write forward counting 1 - 100 and backward counting 50 - 1 (written)	prepare a booklet of رونی آدگی اوران کی آدگی افزان and paste the pictures of related vocabulary from any magazine or newspaper	learn how to button up your shirt	read your ORT readers with your mother
	 brush your teeth twice a day take a bath every day wear fresh clothes 	sort your socks from the washing line, make pairs and arrange them in your cupboard.		try to dress up on your own, surprise your mom	mark your holidays on a calender

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CLOCK WORKSHEET!





half past ____



_oʻclock





A circle has _____ sides.

square

A square has _____ sides.



A triangle has _____ sides.

oval

An oval has _____ sides.

Match the images of the seasons with their correct image.

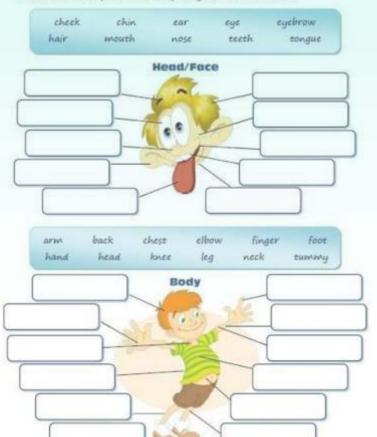




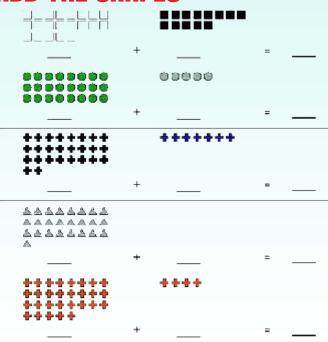




Label the different parts of our body using the words in the box.



ADD THE SHAPES



CLOCK WORKSHEETS

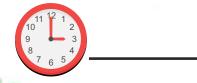
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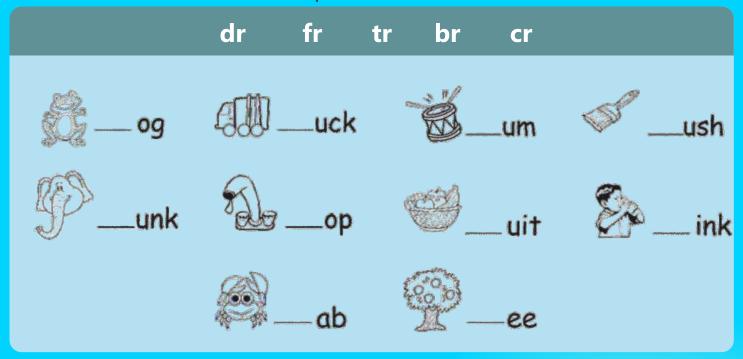




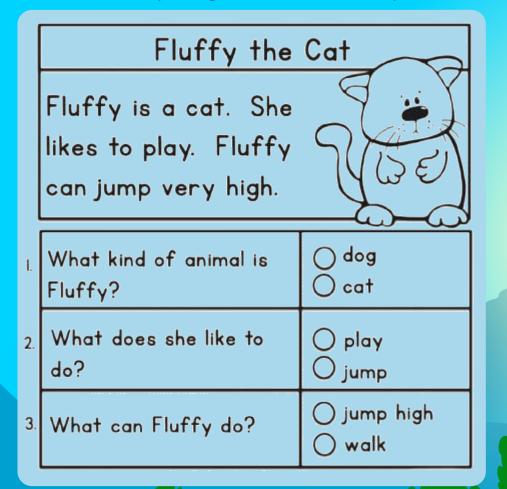




Choose the correct blend to complete the word



Read the short passage and answer the questions.









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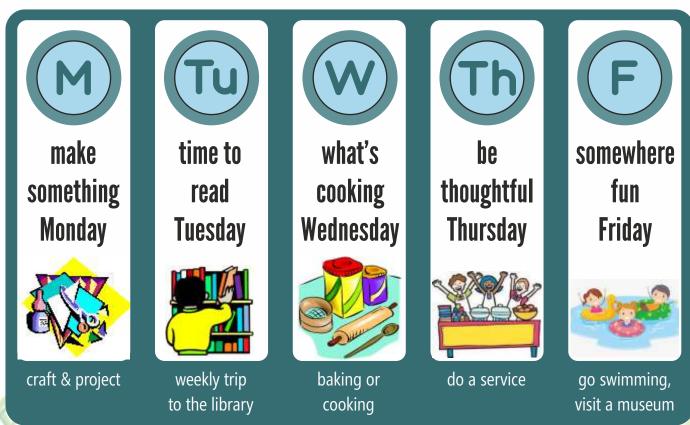


FUN THINGS TO DO!

During the summer it is so easy to say, "I have nothing to do!" Here is a list of things to do the next time you are bored!

- ▲ Gather up a few friends, and have a picnic in your backyard.
- ▲ Go on a walk and take pictures of trees, flowers, dogs, etc.
- Clean your room!
- ▲ Look through old family scrapbooks, photo books, and yearbooks.
- ▲ Make fresh, homemade fruit juice.
- ▲ Have a bubble bath.
- ▲ Splash around in a plastic kiddy pool.
- ▲ Read a book based on a movie you have seen.
- ▲ Make a scrapbook of your baby pictures.
- ▲ Spend the day at the library.
- ▲ Draw a self-portrait.
- ▲ Go out for lunch with your family.
- ▲ Jump in the pool with your clothes on.
- ▲ Invite friends over and have a tea party.
- ▲ Go out for an evening walk to the nearby park.

Timetable for All the Activities To Be Done During the Vacations





Printable Fish Template | Craft Card | Glue | Scissors | Black Marker | Cupcake Liners | Paper Cutter

- Print out your fish template or draw your own.
- Cut the fins off the template and draw around the fish body onto coloured card.
- Lightly fold the fish in half and snip straight lines from the fold towards the edge of the fish. Be careful not to cut right to the edge though. (Leave about an inch.)
- Use a paper cutter or scissors to cut strips of your coloured craft card for weaving.
- Weave the paper strips under and over the cut lines you made in the fish. When you are finished and the fish is full trim off any excess and glue the ends down.
- Cut the fish eye from your template and glue it on.
- To make fins for your woven fish draw around the fin template onto cupcake liners and cut them out. Their corrugated sides are just perfect for fins!
- Finish off your paper weaving fish craft by gluing on the fins and drawing on some eyes and detail to the tail.



Water Melon Craft

You will need:

pink tissue paper squares | glue sticks | red tissue paper squares | black paper | cotton balls green scraps | green buttons | green paper | dark green paper

Have students cut green paper into half moon shape.

Spread and glue down pink and red tissue paper squares to fill most of the crescent, leaving

space for green outer layer

• Peel apart cotton balls to create a rim between the green outer layer and the inside of the watermelon

• Cut out triangles from the dark green paper. Glue onto the outer layer of watermelon. Glue on green buttons with the triangles.

• Cut seeds out of black paper and glue inside watermelon.







Create of Butterfly

You just need - hot glue, beads, clothespin, pipe cleaner,

Popsicle Stick Button Frame

Materials Needed:

- Craft Sticks often referred to as popsicle sticks
- Picture of Child (3.5×3.5) or hand drawn self portrait
- Buttons
- White Glue
- Glue Stick
- Black Skinny Sharpie (not pictured)





Line up 11 popsicle sticks.
Use white glue to glue down
3 popsicle sticks
perpendicular to the stacked
sticks.





Flip over the platform and use a glue stick to glue down your picture.

Glue buttons all around the edge of the frame

Eggheads with Cress Hair

You will need: empty egg shells (try to just break off the top to empty them, so you have a good size shell left to use), felt pens, stick-on wobbly eyes (optional), cotton wool, crees seeds, an empty egg box.

To make them:

- 1. Wash out the egg shells and sit them in the egg box to keep them steady (on a cotton wool cushion to raise them up a bit if you need to).
- 2. Draw on some crazy faces, using the goggly eyes if you've got some. You could do self-portraits or funny faces
- 3. Put some cotton wool inside the shells and dampen them with some water.
- 4. Sprinkle cress seeds all over the cotton wool good coverage will give you a full head of hair.
- 5. Pop them on a windowsill and wait for the hair to sprout. It'll only take a couple of days.
- 6. Add a little bit of water if the cotton wool dries out, but not too much.



Close to the Nature

Mature Walk n Talk

- Small children can get bored easily, so combining a walk outdoors with something that's both fun and educational is sure to be a winner. Nature observation walks can be fantastic learning experiences for toddlers and even babies can enjoy the ride, provided they have plenty to look at and keep them busy along the way.
- It's best to plan a short walk of an hour or less, depending on your child's age and stamina level. The easiest way to get them interested and excited is to involve them in every aspect of the planning. Depending on where you plan to go, that can mean packing a backpack with various items, plotting a route and talking beforehand about what to look out for.



Mature Tield Trips

- 1. Visit as many different habitats as you can find in your neighbourhood. Here's a check list to see what you can find. River, stream or creek, lake or ocean, hill or mountain, meadow or field forest, desert.
- 2. Plan to spend an hour outside. It could be in a backyard, on a balcony, or in a park. Make a list of all the living things you see. Bring along a bird and bug book if you want to identify what you are seeing.

Games

- The Creature Guessing game is a fun way to fill the time when you are travelling.
- Who or What: Am I using different things found in nature. This game works best with a group of kids.

Mature Activities

- 1. Here's a fun way to grow plants indoor and create your own little pots.
- 2. Make rain sticks to create a rain storm inside.
- 3. Start a small garden. It could be herbs or lettuce in containers on the windowsill, or flowers in the garden.





Craft Projects

- 1. Make a Peek-a-boo box for different types of habitats.
- 2. Make your own butterflies.
- 3. Create your own animals.
- 4. Use paper mache to make your own tree.
- 5. Create your own snake.
- 6. Make a bouquet of flowers.
- 7. Create animals from fun foam.



TONG AND WATER PLAY:

Go outside to enjoy the summer evening with your kids in your garden and have some fine motor fun!

Things you need

- * Tongs
- *Big bowls
- *Foam
- *Playing blocks
- *Water colour

- Fill two large bowls with water
- Add little colour to make it more attractive
- · Now put the playing blocks and foam in water
- Keep different sized tongs to be used by the kids
- The kids will use the tongs to pick up floating block and foam from water

This does take a little practice for a child but they need to first understand how tongs work, then how much pressure to apply to squeeze them together, then how to pick up items from the water. The children will be happy just to work on their own problem solving!







NATURAL PAINT BRUSH

Make natural paint brushes in a fun activity that produces great results.

Things you need

- * String
- *Evergreen leaves
 - *Paint
- * Paper plates
- Go out for a nature walk and collect few evergreen leaves and twigs
- Lay the string out flat on the surface
- · Layer the evergreen leaves until you have a good-sized brush
- Put the stick on the leaves and wrap the string twice around each paint brush so that the leaves would be secure
- Tie as many times as you have to in order for your leaves to stay in place Provide paints and chart paper to your child to have fun with his natural paint brush.







HOMEMADE WEAVING LOOM WITH POPSICLE STICKS

Weaving provides a wonderful opportunity for kids to discover patterns and textures and to encourage growth in fine motor skills and eye hand coordination.

Things you need

- * Popsicle sticks
- * Glue
- * Strings
- * Fabric ribbon
- Glue 4 popsicle sticks together into a square
- Cut long piece of string and wrap it around the sticks
- Adjust the lines of string by adding a drop of glue on the string where it wrapped around the popsicle stick to help hold in the place
- Cut some short pieces of fabric ribbon and place them in to a bowl next to little loom for the kids to use

What fun it would be for the kids to create art while working on fine motor skills at the same time.







BUTTON ART TREE

You will need

- *old buttons
- *canvas/hard chart
- *paint
- * glue

We used a bare tree for our basic shape, but it would also be fun to fill a solid shape with buttons as well (a giant button heart, for example, would be really cute too!).

Collect your buttons and put them into a large pile. This step can also serve as a fantastic lesson about sorting by shape, size and colour for younger children.

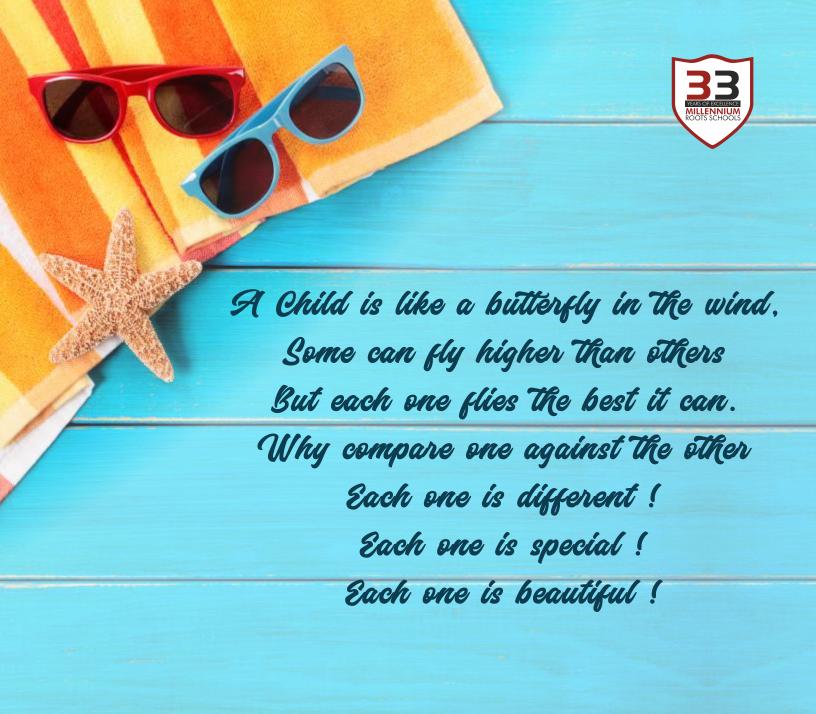
Use a small amount of Tacky Glue to attach the buttons to the canvas.

Continue adding buttons until you are satisfied with the way it looks. You can even choose to layer buttons upon buttons for extra dimension! Allow glue to dry thoroughly before hanging.











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