

Extra Homework Ideas:

Before Kindergarten:

1. Draw a picture of something that is quiet and something that is loud.
2. Sing the alphabet song.
3. Practice writing your name 3 times.
4. Describe the weather today.
5. Tell 3 words that rhyme with "cat".
6. Tell 5 things that start with the same sound as "sun".
7. Practice a fire drill with your family. Be sure to name a safe meeting spot.
8. Say the days of the week.
9. Tell someone your birthday.
10. Memorize your phone number.
11. Find an old newspaper or magazine and cut out 5 pictures you like.
12. Find an old newspaper or magazine and circle 15 letters you know. Read the letters to an adult.
13. How many jumping jacks can you do in 1 minute? Have an adult time you.
14. Learn to tie your shoe.
15. What number do you call in case of an emergency?
16. Say 5 words that start with R.
17. Find a circle, square, and triangle around your house.
18. When you ride in the car, count how many animals or people you see in 5 minutes.
19. Tell an adult 5 healthy foods you could eat for snack.
20. Tell an adult 3 ways to take care of your body.
21. Make sets of numbers between 0-10 with blocks, beans, toys, etc.

22. Practice dribbling, passing, and catching a ball.
23. Share with an adult what you will do on the first day of Kindergarten.
24. Read a book with an adult. Tell your favorite part.
25. Discuss ways to be kind to friends.
26. Share 3 ways to show manners to a teacher.
27. Share 3 ways to show manners to a friend.
28. Share 3 ways to show manners when playing outside at a playground.

Beginning of Kindergarten:

1. Practice counting to 30.
2. Practice writing your name 3 times beginning with a capital letter and the rest with lowercase letters.
3. Draw a picture of 3 things we use in school. Label them with words.
4. Draw a picture of something that rhymes with "pig".
5. Write your abcs in lowercase letters.
6. Write 4 sight words.
7. Retell a story that you know.
8. Write 3 words that begin with D.
9. Recite the days of the week.
10. Count backwards from 10.
11. How many months are in a year? Can you name them?
12. Find an old newspaper or magazine and circle 10 words you know.
13. Make flashcards to practice these words: go, is, we, the, it, he, my, am.
14. Draw a picture of foods that start with B.
15. Write the numbers 1-10 in order.

16. Sing the alphabet with letter sounds instead of letter names.
17. Draw a picture of 3 things that are red. Label your pictures with words.
18. Have an adult tell you a word. Write the beginning sound.
19. Have an adult tell you a word. Write the ending sound.
20. Make a list of 3 things that are cold.
21. How far can you count in 1 minute? Have a parent time you.
22. Have an adult tell you 2 numbers. Which one is bigger?
23. Have an adult tell you a number. What number comes before? What number comes after?
24. Say your address 3 times.
25. Find 3 patterns around your house.
26. Look at a picture. Write words or a sentence to describe what you see.
27. Write a sentence telling what you would do if you won \$100 dollars.
28. Draw a picture showing $3+4$.
29. Draw a picture showing $7-3$.
30. Show 4 different ways to make 6. ($3+3$, $4+2$, $7-1$, $2+2+2$)
31. Name the vowels. Write a words that begins with each vowel.
32. Draw tally marks to show how many chairs you have in your house.
37. Draw 3 animals you can see at the zoo. Label them with words.
38. Make a graph showing the weather for one week.
39. List 3 wants and 3 needs. Discuss the differences.
40. How many doors are in your house? How many windows? How many doors and windows?
41. Practice reading your trimester 1 sight word list.
42. Randomly point to and name the numbers 0-12.

43. Have an adult give you a simple addition story problem (Ann has 3 apples. She gets 2 more. How many apples does she have now?). Answer the problem by drawing a picture, using manipulative, or using your fingers.

44. Write an alliteration sentence where most the words begin with the same letter. (Ethan eats eggs on Easter.)

End of Kindergarten:

1. Write 3 questions, beginning each with a different question word. Remember to put a question mark at the end. (Some question words: who, what, why, where, when, how)

2. Practice writing your full name 5 times.

3. Count to 100 by 1s, 5s, and 10s.

4. Use 3 different sight words to write 3 different sentences.

5. Make flashcards to help you learn these sight words: what, are, that, they, here, said.

6. Look at a piece of artwork. How does it make you feel? What do you like/dislike? Tell why.

7. Read a story at home. Tell the characters, setting, and character's feelings.

8. Read a story at home. Tell the beginning, middle, and end.

9. Read a story at home. Stop in the middle. Predict what might happen.

10. Write 6 words that have "sh" in them.

11. Write 6 words that have "th" in them.

12. Write 6 words that have "ch" in them.

13. Write 3 question sentences that begin with who, what, when, where, or why.

14. Make 3 columns: st, sp, and sn. Write as many words you can think of that start with these blends.

15. Write 5 words in the "__an" family.

16. Practice writing all your color words.

17. Count objects in your house. Add them together to see how many you have.
18. Write a complete sentence about your favorite thing about school.
19. Write a complete sentence about the weather today.
20. Make a card for a friend or family member.
21. Use these letters to make words: *a, c, b, f, t, s, e, i, p*. See how many real words you can create. (bat, cat, sip,)
22. Read a story with an adult. Write a review about the book. What did you like? What did you dislike?
23. Write a list of happy feelings. Write a list of sad feelings.
24. Write 3 sentences telling what you do first, next, and last to get ready for bed.
25. Draw a map of your neighborhood. Label anything you can.
26. Write a list of words that describe your family.
27. Write a list of your classmate's names.
28. Write the numbers 0-20 in order on a number line.
29. Write the days of the week in order.
30. Write 7 words with "oo" in them.
31. Write 5 long "i" words. Remember to use the silent e.
32. Write 2 sentences telling about your favorite animal.
33. Make a list of words that begin with "sh", "ch", and "th".
34. Draw a picture of 3 different community helpers. Label them with words.
35. Measure 3 different toys with pennies. Which is longest? Which is shortest?
36. Write a word that begins with each letter of the alphabet.
37. Play hangman with a member of your family.

38. Read a story with an adult. Compare 2 characters from the story. How are they the same? How are they different?

39. Count backwards from 20 to 0.

40. Practice reading the trimester 1, 2, and 3 sight word lists.

41. Write 3 different sentences. One with a questions mark at the end, one with an exclamation point, and one with a period.

42. Write 10 words with "ing" in them.

43. Practice writing all your number words in order. (zero, one, two, etc.)

Challenge Exercises:

1. Read every day with an adult for 15 minutes.

2. Create an addition or subtraction math problem and show how you solved it.

3. Write 5 words with short vowels and 5 words with long vowels.

4. Read a story with an adult. Write about the character, setting, problem, and solution.

5. List as many compound words as you can think of (sunflower, snowball, fireworks, baseball, etc.)

6. Write the numbers 1-100 in order.

7. Find a map at a park, mall, etc. Use it to locate something around you.

8. Create a math problem for your mom or dad to solve.

9. Use a map or globe to locate the following things: north, south, east, west, north pole, United States, water, land.

10. Write 3 sentences about the season. (What is it like? What do you like to do? What do you wear?)

11. Write a poem.

12. Write about what you think you will do in first grade.

13. Create a chart of 3 different animals. Show what they look like, what they eat, and their habitat.

14. Use a story you have heard to make a play. Reenact it for an adult.
15. Have an adult help you research a favorite animal. Write 3 new facts you have learned.
16. Count the number of eyes, ears, hands, fingers, and toes in your family. Draw pictures and write equations.
17. Have a parent help you write at least 3 sentences. Cut them up and try to put them back together.
18. Draw a picture with only the following shapes: circles, triangles, rectangles, and squares. Count how many of each shape you used.
19. Make up a story problem about the fall season. Solve it.
20. Write a story telling what you would do if you saw someone being bullied at school.
21. Come up with 10 words that have "all" in them. (call, basketball, etc.)
22. Look in the junk drawer. Sort objects by what they are made of (wood, plastic, metal, paper, etc.).
23. Write 10 words that have "ow" or "ou" in them. ("out", or "cow")
24. Pick 5 sight words you don't know. Write each one 3 times.
25. Write about a family tradition.
26. Write the steps for making your favorite healthy snack using "first", "next", and "last".
27. Choose a number between 1-20. Come up with ways to make that number. (Example: 11 can be $5+6$, $12-1$, $4+7$, $4+4+3$, etc.)
28. Choose your favorite holiday. Write 3 sentences about it.
29. Read a story with an adult. Draw or write about a personal connection you have with the story.
30. Write a list of 10 things in your classroom that help you learn.
31. Go to Google Maps online and type in your address. What do you see?

32. Create a poster all about you. Show your interests, hobbies, family, school, etc.

33. Rub an ice cube and time how long it takes to melt. Record your observations.

34. Write down 5 of your friend's names in alphabetical order.

35. Write your numbers by 2's all the way to 100.