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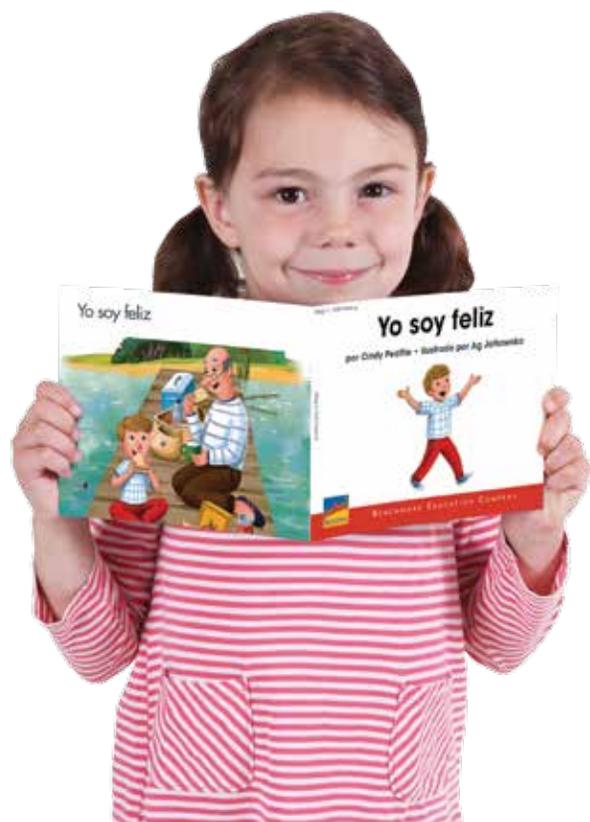
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Building the Home-School Connection

Families and caregivers can provide valuable information about their child's preferences and needs. Developing a good relationship and open communication among teachers, families, and caregivers will help provide learning experiences that children enjoy and that enhance their progress and achievement.

The following ideas and resources help build strong communication between home and school, with a focus on involving family members and caregivers in their child's education.

Welcome Letter

Send home a welcome letter that introduces instructional personnel and invites parents to participate in activities and events during the school year. The letter may also contain information about dress codes, supply requests, school drop-off and pickup procedures, safety procedures, or district policies. Sample letters are available on pages 7–8.



Communication Board

Create a communication board, using a dry-erase board or bulletin board placed outside the classroom. The board can display the Unit Take-Home Activity Calendar and announcements about activities, schedule changes, upcoming events, holidays, celebrations, and needed supplies.



Contact Information

Follow the district or school policies for contact information. It is important to post or send home contact information so that family members and caregivers know how to contact the school to request information or schedule a conference.

Safety Routines and Procedures

Send home the district or school handbook explaining safety routines and procedures. If district and/or school safety routines are not available, prepare a brief version for family members and caregivers. Explain the safety routines and procedures to develop support from the home and to ensure children and family members understand expectations and how to work together to maintain safety.

This information may include:

- procedures for picking up children in the event of early release
- information about clothing, supplies, or materials that children may bring to school
- expectations for managing health concerns or illnesses
- permissions required for children to participate in activities such as field trips

Sharing Children's Work and Progress

Explain how children will bring home work packets that include examples of the child's assignments. In *Ready to Advance*, children may take home weekly work packets. Encourage adults at home to review the work packet with their child and make positive comments about the child's progress in learning challenging content. Explain the importance of teaching children to assume responsibility for their work and to monitor their own progress.



Communicating Expectations at School and Home

Send home a note explaining how American Sign Language (ASL) hand signs may be used to prompt and cue classroom behaviors for participating in activities and for building vocabulary. Send home a copy of the ASL hand signs for classroom management so that parents and caregivers may use the signs to communicate their behavioral expectations at home. A copy of the ASL hand signs is available on page 52.



Suggestions for Interactive Parent Meetings



Schedule monthly, interactive, engaging meetings for families and caregivers

Schedule monthly 45-minute interactive parent meetings to promote communication and build relationships with family members, caregivers, and instructional personnel. Topics for parent meetings may include instructions and demonstrations used at school to promote a child's learning and achievement. The following topics and suggestions may be helpful for planning parent meetings:

Session 1: Getting Acquainted

Plan an evening to explain and demonstrate routines and procedures in the classrooms to promote safety by establishing predictable order. Explain how adults can reference a bulletin board called the Business Center to obtain information about daily schedules and classroom job assignments. Discuss how the Business Center also includes a Rotation Chart that is used to create predictable order and ensure every child participates in whole-class and small-group activities, including the Teaching Table and Worktable.

Using the Rotation Chart, parents will notice that children have multiple times each day for choosing centers and extending learning while collaborating and socializing with peers. Allow time to respond to questions or concerns, and listen carefully to input from others. Refer to the *Classroom Management Early Learning Guide* provided in *Ready to Advance* to prepare for the session.



Session 2: Home and School Working Together

Plan an interactive session to discuss how school and family can work together to optimize learning. Discuss the classroom process of sending materials home. Share the student books, unit calendars, and take-home books. Model how to use these components to engage in conversation and learning at home.

Session 3: Teaching the Whole Child

Discuss how important it is to have an integrated, comprehensive program like *Ready to Advance*. Take time to explain the importance of integrating development and learning socially, emotionally, physically, and academically. Model and explore age-appropriate activities, stating expected performance, with an emphasis on language acquisition, collaborative conversations, and critical thinking.



Session 4: Respectful Communication and Responsible Decision-Making

Discuss classroom environment expectations. Explain how children learn to communicate respectfully, cooperate responsibly, and express their thoughts, feelings, and preferences. Engage in discussions about how to reinforce these expectations between home and school.

Session 5: Developing Emergent Language and Literacy

Explain, model, and practice ways that family members and caregivers can support learning at home by reading with children. Demonstrate how to hold a book, read text at a pace that allows children to comprehend, and engage in collaborative conversations about the story. Model how to use details in the illustrations to support comprehension of the text. Provide helpful suggestions for supporting emergent reading instruction, and describe how reading instruction will occur at school.



Session 6: Developing Early Reading Skills

Set up an interactive session with family members and caregivers to introduce some of the early reading. Use the *Instructional Routines for Language and Literacy* to model and practice phonological awareness activities, syllable segmentation, and phonemic awareness, then letter-sound relationships.

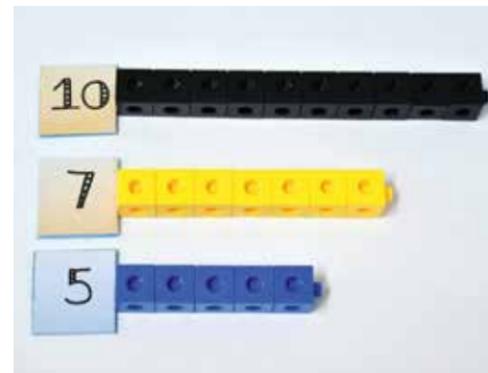
Session 7: Teaching Prewriting and Printing

Follow a similar interactive approach as Session 6 on early reading skills, but focus on the learning progression for written expression: draw, dictate, express. Use the *Emergent Writing Guide* and *Emergent Writing Flip Books*, Volumes 1 and 2, to demonstrate activities to prepare children to use correct grip and posture. Then teach the five prewriting strokes. Engage participants in fun activities using the directed drawings in the flip book. Discuss how these lessons lead to writing letters and words. Identify end-of-year expectations for printing letters and possibly the child's name.



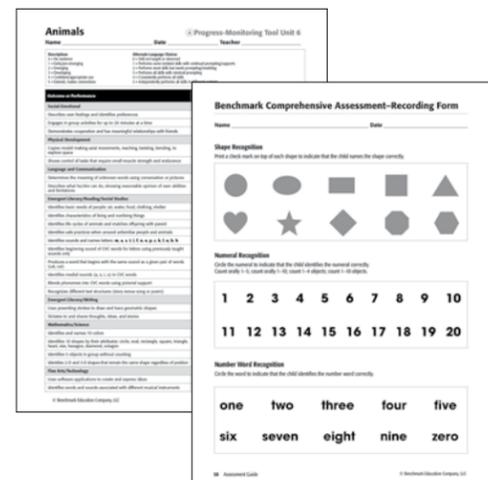
Session 8: Developing Concepts and Skills for Mathematics and Science

Set up an interactive session with family members and caregivers. Use the *Instructional Routines for Mathematics and Science* to model and practice how to teach and develop number sense, using counting objects. Demonstrate counting and explain how the process supports simple addition and subtraction. Suggest ways that family members and caregivers can extend practice and build numeracy skills by playing games or participating in activities at home.



Session 9: Assessments for Monitoring and Reporting Progress

Provide blank copies of any progress-monitoring forms that will be used to identify competencies and needs, and when and how progress will be reported to family members and caregivers. Use this opportunity to explain end-of-year outcomes required by your district or state.



Dear Family Member:

Welcome to the new school year!

We are excited for your child to be enrolled in prekindergarten. During this year, he or she will participate in kindergarten readiness activities that involve deeper learning and skill building. Prekindergarten uses a curriculum that is developmentally appropriate for children who are 3–4 years old. This year, our school district is using a new reading and language arts program, *Benchmark Ready to Advance*. It's published by Benchmark Education and built specifically for prekindergarten children to meet developmental and academic guidelines.

Each unit of *Benchmark Ready to Advance* is centered on one topic, such as families and friends, animals, and transportation. Talk with your child each day about what he or she has learned or experienced in school. Ask questions and allow your child to practice conversational skills with you at home.

Every month, you'll receive a take-home activity calendar that will provide additional activities you can do at home with your child. These activities connect to the unit topic as well as key concepts and skills being taught during the unit. You can use the calendar to read together, to practice skills taught in class, and to engage in collaborative conversations with your child about his or her school experiences.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I look forward to using *Benchmark Ready to Advance* with your child and working with you to ensure a successful school year!

As always, if you have any questions about our new program or about your child's progress, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Querido miembro de la familia:

¡Bienvenido al nuevo año escolar!

Estamos muy contentos de que su niño/a esté inscrito en prekindergarten. Durante este año, él o ella participará en actividades de preparación para el kindergarten que implican un aprendizaje más profundo y el desarrollo de destrezas. Prekindergarten usa un plan de estudios que es apropiado para el desarrollo de niños de 3-4 años. Este año, nuestro distrito escolar usará un nuevo programa de lectura y artes del lenguaje, *Benchmark Ready to Advance*. Fue publicado por *Benchmark Education* y diseñado específicamente para que los estudiantes de prekindergarten alcancen sus metas académicas y de desarrollo.

Cada unidad de *Benchmark Ready to Advance* se centra en un tema, tales como las familias y los amigos, los animales o los medios de transporte. Hable con su niño/a cada día sobre lo que aprendió y llevó a cabo en la escuela. Haga preguntas y permítale que practique las destrezas comunicativas con usted en el hogar.

Cada mes, usted recibirá un calendario de actividades para la casa que le proporcionará actividades adicionales que usted puede realizar en casa con su niño/a. Estas actividades se conectan tanto con el tema de la unidad, como con las destrezas de vocabulario, de comprensión y estudio de palabras/fonemas que se enseñan durante la unidad. Usted puede usar el calendario para leer juntos, practicar destrezas enseñadas en clase y participar en conversaciones colaborativas con su niño/a sobre sus experiencias escolares.

Gracias por tomarse el tiempo para leer esta carta. ¡Espero con anticipación utilizar *Benchmark Ready to Advance* con su niño/a y trabajar junto a usted para asegurar un año escolar exitoso!

Como siempre, si tiene alguna pregunta sobre nuestro nuevo programa de lectura y artes del lenguaje o sobre el progreso de su niño/a, por favor, no dude en contactarme.

Atentamente,

Unit Take-Home Activity Calendars

Unit calendars provide daily opportunities to review and extend learning at home. The reproducible calendars are available in English and Spanish.

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Take-Home Activity Calendar

During Unit 1, your child will learn about going to school and how to work with classmates and teachers. As we progress through the unit, we will cover the Essential Questions, "How do we use our body parts to learn and move?" The activities below reinforce the skills and lessons your child will learn in the classroom. This calendar can be used to be specific, quick tasks to engage with and help your child to retain the information and practice the skills at home. Take-home tasks that are numbered are tasks that are in the classroom and will be sent home during the unit. You may also want other tasks you have at home to engage in conversation and build vocabulary.

Unit 1 • All About Me

Week 1

Talk Time **Talk Time**

→Encourage your child to share his or her feelings about going to school for the first time.

→Listen to your child as he or she tells about something he or she did at school.

→Talk about feelings at home.

Week 2

Color Recognition **Talk Time**

→Using a book or magazine, have your child point out items that are red, blue, and yellow.

→Ask your child to identify the items and describe to you a complete sentence, for example, "The apple is red."

Week 3

Talk Time **School**

→Discuss with your child how to greet friends and friends by using hello and calling them by name, using and/or making handshakes.

→Have your child use stuffed animals to practice greeting friends and family.

Check off each activity as you complete it.

Calendario de actividades diarias para la casa

A lo largo de la Unidad 1, su niño/a aprenderá cómo ir a la escuela y cómo trabajar con sus compañeros y maestros. A medida que avanzamos a través de la unidad, cubriremos las Preguntas esenciales: "¿Cómo usamos nuestras partes del cuerpo para aprender y movernos?" Las actividades a continuación refuerzan las habilidades y las lecciones que su niño/a aprenderá en el salón de clases. Los actividades numeradas y las de los días de la escuela que se envían a casa son actividades que se enseñan en el salón de clases. También puede tener otras tareas que tenga en casa para practicar o para conversar y compartir sus experiencias.

Unidad 1 • Todo sobre mí

Semana 1

Conversar **Conversar** **Matemáticas** **Ciencia** **Leer juntos**

→Hable con su niño/a, alentar que describa y explique lo que está haciendo en su escuela.

→Escuche a su niño/a cuando él o ella describe algo que hizo en la escuela o cómo se sintió.

Semana 2

Letras y sonidos **Conversar** **Matemáticas** **Conversar** **Leer juntos**

→Use un libro o revista y pida al niño/a que señale las palabras que comienzan con el sonido de la letra que está leyendo.

→Hable con su niño/a que describa el objeto y lo describa en una oración completa. Por ejemplo, "El zapato es rojo."

Semana 3

Conversar **Ciencia** **Ciencia** **Conversar** **Leer juntos**

→Converse con su niño/a sobre cómo se sintió al ir a la escuela y cómo se sintió al estar en la escuela.

→Hable con su niño/a que describa el objeto y lo describa en una oración completa. Por ejemplo, "El zapato es rojo."

Marque cada actividad o actividad que complete.

Take-Home Activity Calendar

In Unit 1, your child will learn about going to school and how to work with their classmates and teacher. As we progress through the unit, we will answer the **Essential Question "How do we use our body parts to learn and move?"** The activities below reinforce the skills and lessons your child will learn in the classroom. As we progress through the unit, we will learn about our body parts and senses as we answer the Essential Question. The activities are meant to be simple, quick ways to engage with and help your child to retain the information and practice the skills at home. Take-home books that are condensed versions of books read in the classroom will be sent home during the unit. You may also read other books you have at home to engage in conversation and build vocabulary.

Unit 1 • All About Me

Check off each activity as you complete it.



<p>Week 1</p> <p>Talk Time <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage your child to share his or her feelings about going to school for the first time. Share with your child how you felt doing something for the first time, such as starting school or a job. 	<p>Talk Time <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role-play with your child how to meet and greet a friend. Discuss ways to be a good friend. Discuss the purpose of a schedule. Talk about how using a schedule or routine helps you accomplish things at home. 	<p>Math <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect matching pairs of household objects, such as socks, shoes, and gloves. Separate the items and place them into a container. Have your child name the items as he or she matches each pair. 	<p>Science <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model for your child how to wash your hands with soap and water and then dry them. Discuss appropriate times to wash hands, such as before eating, after using the bathroom, and after playing. 	<p>Read Together <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine the take-home book <i>I Like School</i> with your child. Point to and name the book parts: top, bottom, front, back, and cover. Model how to hold a book when reading. Discuss the words and images in the book with your child as you read.
<p>Week 2</p> <p>Color Recognition <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using a book or magazine, have your child point out items that are red, such as apples. Guide your child to identify the item and describe it in a complete sentence. For example: <i>The apple is red.</i> 	<p>Talk Time <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use two stuffed animals or puppets to model to your child how to listen when a friend is speaking, wait for a turn to talk, and share the talking time. Practice having a conversation with your child. 	<p>Math <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with your child to identify household items that are round. Guide him or her to describe the item in a complete sentence. For example: <i>The clock is round.</i> 	<p>Talk Time <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the meaning of the following feelings with your child: happy, sad, surprised, and mad. Tell your child about a time you felt each of these emotions, and have your child do the same. 	<p>Read Together <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine the take-home book <i>I Am Happy</i> with your child. Point to and name the book parts: top, bottom, front, back, and cover. Read the title while pointing to each word. Discuss the text and images with your child as you read.
<p>Week 3</p> <p>Talk Time <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss with your child how to greet friends and family by saying hello and calling them by name, waving, and/or shaking hands. Have your child use stuffed animals to practice greeting friends and family. 	<p>Science <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Display several food items for your child to describe. Have him or her use the five senses to describe the item (how it looks, smells, sounds, feels, and tastes). 	<p>Science <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss with your child the purpose and function of the following body parts: ears, eyes, nose, skin, and tongue. Ask your child to describe what body part he or she uses to hear, see, smell, touch, or taste. 	<p>Talk Time <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss what it means to share with your child. Have him or her discuss how to share with friends and family members. For example: <i>I share my _____ with my friend _____.</i> 	<p>Read Together <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the color red and build vocabulary. Guide your child to identify the item in a complete sentence. For example: <i>The car is red.</i>

Calendario de actividades diarias para la casa

A través de la Unidad 1, su niño/a aprenderá cómo es ir a la escuela y cómo llevarse con sus compañeros/as y maestro/a. A medida que exploramos la unidad, contestaremos la **Pregunta esencial: ¿Cómo nos ayudan las partes del cuerpo a aprender y movernos?** Las actividades de abajo refuerzan las destrezas y lecciones que su niño/a aprenderá en el salón de clase. Son actividades sencillas y fáciles de implementar que pueden ayudar a su niño/a a recordar lo que ha aprendido y practicar las destrezas en casa. Los libros para llevar a casa (take-home books) que se entregan a lo largo de la unidad son versiones resumidas de los libros que se han leído en el salón de clase. También pueden leer otros libros que tengan en casa para alentar a su niño/a a conversar y aumentar su vocabulario.

Unidad 1 • Todo sobre mí

Marque cada actividad a medida que la completa.

<p>Semana 1</p> <p>Conversar <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motive al niño/a a que exprese lo que siente al ir a la escuela por vez primera. Cuente al niño/a cómo se sentía usted cuando hacía algo por vez primera, como ir a la escuela o iniciar un trabajo. 	<p>Conversar <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junto con el niño/a, imagine que encuentran y saludan a un amigo. Comenten de qué manera se puede ser un buen amigo. Hablen sobre la importancia de un horario. Comenten cómo el uso de un horario o rutina ayuda a llevar a cabo actividades en casa. 	<p>Matemáticas <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reúna pares de objetos domésticos tales como calcetines o medias, zapatos y guantes. Separe los artículos y colóquelos en una caja. Pida que su niño/a nombre cada objeto mientras encuentra su par. 	<p>Ciencia <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muestre al niño/a cómo lavar sus manos con agua y jabón, y cómo secarlas después. Hable sobre las ocasiones apropiadas para lavarse las manos, como antes de comer, después de ir al baño y luego de jugar. 	<p>Leer juntos <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise el libro para la casa <i>I Like School</i> con su niño/a. Señale y nombre las partes del libro: arriba, abajo, principio, final, y portada. Muestre cómo se sostiene un libro mientras se lee. Comente el texto y las imágenes con su niño/a mientras lee.
<p>Semana 2</p> <p>Reconocimiento de colores <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use un libro o revista y pida al niño/a que señale los objetos que son rojos, como las manzanas. Ayude al niño/a a identificar el objeto y describirlo en una oración completa. Por ejemplo: <i>The apple is red</i> (La manzana es roja). 	<p>Conversar <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use dos animales de peluche o marionetas para mostrar al niño/a cómo escuchar cuando un amigo está hablando, esperar su turno para hablar, y compartir el tiempo de la conversación. Practique tener una conversación con su niño/a. 	<p>Matemáticas <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifique junto con su niño/a objetos caseros en forma de círculo. Ayude al niño/a a describir el objeto en una oración completa. Por ejemplo: <i>El reloj es un círculo.</i> (El reloj tiene forma de círculo). 	<p>Conversar <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comente el significado de los siguientes sentimientos con el niño/a: felicidad, tristeza, sorpresa y enojo. Cuente al niño/a sobre alguna vez que haya experimentado estos sentimientos, y pídale que haga lo mismo. 	<p>Leer juntos <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise el libro para la casa <i>I Am Happy</i> con su niño/a. Señale y nombre las partes del libro: arriba, abajo, principio, final y portada. Identifique el título mientras señala cada palabra. Comente el texto y las imágenes con el niño/a mientras lee.
<p>Semana 3</p> <p>Conversar <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Converse con su niño/a sobre cómo saludar a los amigos y a la familia al decir hola, al llamarlos por su nombre y/o al dar la mano. Diga a su niño/a que use animales de peluche para practicar cómo saludar a los amigos y a la familia. 	<p>Ciencia <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muestre diversos alimentos para que su niño/a los describa. Pídale que use los cinco sentidos para describir el alimento (cómo se ve, huele, suena, se siente y sabe). 	<p>Ciencia <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Converse con su niño/a sobre el propósito y la función de las siguientes partes del cuerpo: oídos, ojos, nariz, piel y lengua. Pida a su niño/a que describa qué parte del cuerpo usa para escuchar, ver, oler, tocar, o saborear. 	<p>Conversar <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Converse con su niño/a sobre lo que significa compartir. Pídale que comente cómo compartir con sus amigos y familiares. Por ejemplo: <i>I share my _____ with my friend _____.</i> <i>Yo comparto mi _____ con mi amigo _____.</i> 	<p>Leer juntos <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repase el color rojo y desarrolle el vocabulario. Guíe a su niño/a para que identifique un objeto rojo en una oración completa. Por ejemplo: El carro es rojo.

Take-Home Activity Calendar

In Unit 2, your child will learn about families and friends and the five senses. As we progress through the unit, we will ask and answer the **Essential Question "How do families and friends care for one another?"** Engage your child in conversation about how families and friends enrich our lives. Use the take-home books or other books to provide examples of families and friends.

Unit 2 • Families and Friends

Check off each activity as you complete it.

<p>Week 1</p> <p>Talk Time <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the meaning of <i>cooperation</i> with your child. Have him or her share ways to cooperate with family members. For example: <i>I help my sister pick up toys.</i> 	<p>Build Vocabulary <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask your child questions about your home, using these words: <i>bed, bedroom, chair, house, kitchen, table, bathroom, and tub.</i> For example: <i>Where do we eat breakfast?</i> 	<p>Talk Time <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the importance of staying healthy. Take a walk, or do simple exercises with your child. Have your child identify the body parts that need exercise (arms, legs, hands, feet, torso). 	<p>Talk Time <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss ways to help at home. Make a list of jobs your child can do at home. Create a job chart and assign jobs weekly. 	<p>Build Vocabulary <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using a book or magazine, have your child point out items that are red or blue. Guide your child to identify the item in a complete sentence: <i>The house is blue.</i>
<p>Week 2</p> <p>Letters & Sounds <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Point out several items that begin with m, such as <i>mat, milk, and man.</i> Ask your child to say the sound at the beginning of the words. Guide him or her to identify the sound /m/. 	<p>Science <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the characteristics of the beach with your child. Show pictures of the beach, or talk about your experiences. Have your child draw a picture of the beach. 	<p>Math <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect household objects that are red and blue, and place them all into a container. Have your child sort the objects according to their color. 	<p>Read Together <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read the take-home book <i>Going to the Beach</i> with your child. Point out the names of the author and illustrator, and have your child tell what they do. Discuss the text and pictures with your child as you read. 	<p>Read Together <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reread the take-home book <i>Going to the Beach</i> with your child. Have your child name things he or she would take to the beach.
<p>Week 3</p> <p>Letters & Sounds <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Say these words that begin with a with your child: <i>apple, ant.</i> Guide him or her to say a sentence, using each word. 	<p>Talk Time <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss with your child how to tell when friends or family members are feeling sad or upset, and how to help them feel better. For example: <i>When my friend is upset, I invite him to play a game with me.</i> 	<p>Math <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather small household items in three colors, such as blocks or crayons. Have your child use the items to make a simple pattern, such as red, blue, red, blue. Have your child explain the pattern to you. 	<p>Read Together <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read the take-home book <i>At Home</i> with your child. Read the title. Point to each word in the title as your child counts them. Discuss the text and images with your child as you read. 	<p>Read Together <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reread the take-home book <i>At Home</i>. Have your child point to red and blue objects in the book. Talk about what you do at home, such as eating and playing.

Calendario de actividades diarias para la casa

A través de la Unidad 2, su niño/a aprenderá sobre la familia, los amigos y los cinco sentidos. Mientras exploramos la unidad, contestaremos la **Pregunta esencial: ¿Cómo se cuidan las familias y los amigos entre sí?** Motive al niño/a a que hable sobre cómo la familia y los amigos enriquecen nuestras vidas y cómo los cinco sentidos ayudan a explorar el mundo. Use los libros para la casa u otros libros para mostrar ejemplos de familias y de amigos.

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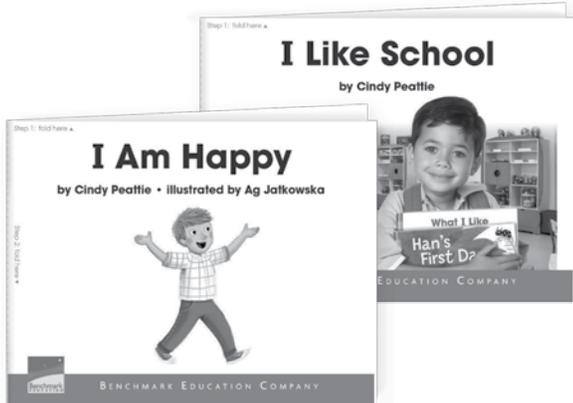
Marque cada actividad a medida que la completa.

<p>Semana 1</p> <p>Conversar <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comente el significado de la palabra <i>cooperation</i> (cooperación) con el niño/a. Pida que comparta alternativas para ayudar a los miembros de la familia. Por ejemplo: <i>I help my sister pick up toys.</i> (Yo ayudo a mi hermana a recoger sus juguetes). 	<p>Desarrollar el vocabulario <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formule al niño/a preguntas sobre su hogar, usando las siguientes palabras: <i>bed (cama), bedroom (habitación), chair (silla), house (casa), kitchen (cocina), table (mesa), bathroom (baño), y tub (bañera).</i> Por ejemplo: <i>Where do we eat breakfast?</i> (¿Dónde tomamos el desayuno?). 	<p>Conversar <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comente la importancia de mantenerse saludable. Camine o haga ejercicios simples con su niño/a. Pida a su niño/a que identifique las partes del cuerpo que necesitan ejercicio (brazos, piernas, manos, pies, torso). 	<p>Conversar <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comente maneras de ayudar en el hogar. Haga una lista de tareas que su niño/a puede realizar en el hogar. Cree una tabla de tareas y asigne tareas semanales. 	<p>Desarrollar el vocabulario <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilice un libro o revista para que su niño/a señale objetos rojos o azules. Ayude a su niño/a a identificar el objeto en una oración completa: <i>The house is blue</i> (La casa es azul).
<p>Semana 2</p> <p>Letras y sonidos <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pida al niño/a que identifique palabras que empiecen con el sonido de la letra m. Pida al niño/a hacer una lista de 5 palabras, y si es capaz de hacerlo, pídale 10 o más. 	<p>Ciencia <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comente las características de la playa con su niño/a. Muestre imágenes de la playa o hable sobre sus experiencias. Pida a su niño/a que haga un dibujo de la playa. 	<p>Matemáticas <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recolecte objetos domésticos que sean rojos y azules, y colóquelos todos en un recipiente. Pida a su niño/a que los ordene según su color. 	<p>Leer juntos <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lea el libro para la casa <i>Going to the Beach</i> con el niño/a. Señálele el nombre del autor y el ilustrador y pida al niño/a que le explique qué hacen. Comente el texto y las imágenes con el niño/a mientras leen. 	<p>Leer juntos <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vuelva a leer el libro para la casa <i>Going to the Beach</i> con el niño/a. Pida al niño/a que nombre objetos que llevaría a la playa.
<p>Semana 3</p> <p>Letras y sonidos <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diga con el niño estas palabras que empiezan con a: <i>apple</i> (manzana), <i>ant</i> (hormiga), <i>ax</i> (hacha), <i>alligator</i> (caimán). Ayúdele a que diga una oración usando cada palabra. 	<p>Conversar <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comente con el niño/a qué decir a sus amigos o familiares cuando están tristes o desconsolados y cómo ayudarles a sentirse mejor. Por ejemplo: <i>When my friend is upset, I invite him to play a game with me.</i> (Cuando mi amigo/a está triste, le invito a que juegue conmigo). 	<p>Matemáticas <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reúna pequeños objetos caseros que tengan tres colores, como bloques o lápices de color. Pida al niño/a que use los objetos para crear un modelo/patrón, como por ejemplo rojo, azul y amarillo. Pida al niño/a que le describa el modelo/patrón. 	<p>Leer juntos <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lea con el niño/a el libro para la casa <i>At Home</i>. Lea el título. Muestre cada palabra de todas las del título mientras el niño/a las cuenta. Comente el texto y las imágenes con el niño/a mientras leen. 	<p>Leer juntos <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vuelvan a leer el libro para la casa <i>At Home</i>. Pida al niño/a que reconozca los objetos rojos y azules del libro. Hable de lo que hacen en casa, por ejemplo cuando comen y juegan.





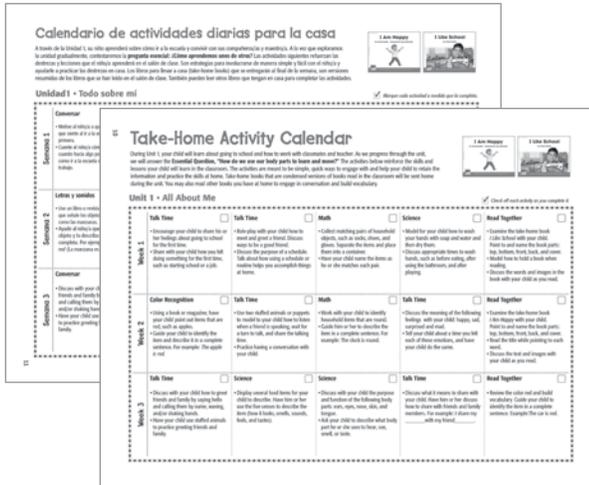
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