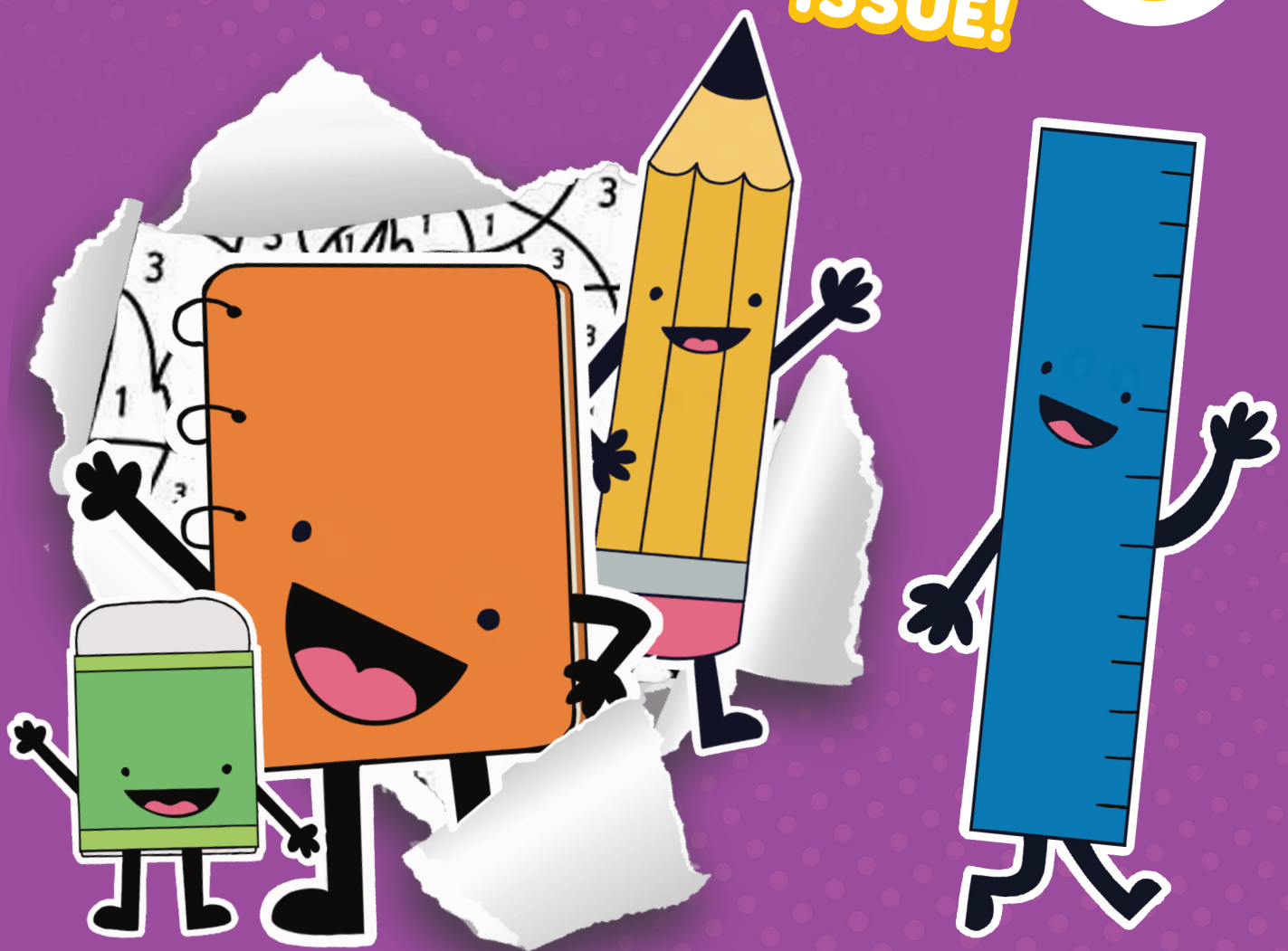


This booklet will provide you with resources and activities to fill in the learning gap during summer break. Activities will range from word searches, food recipes, writing exercises, and much more! Good for ages 3-8.

Kid Quests

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Early Learning Resources (Pre-K - Grade School)



- **ABCmouse** - For ages 2-8+, this early learning academy offers activities on reading, math, science, music, and more.



- **Adventure Academy** - Students age 9-middle school can build knowledge, pursue interests and personalize their learning experience.



- **Creativebug via Hoopla** - Self-paced arts and crafts classes taught by experts.

Homework Help & Test Prep



- **BrainFuse HelpNow** - Live tutoring and homework help



- **Learning Express Library and Explora for Elementary Schools** - Resources focused on a variety of school subjects and skill development.



- **Mometrix Test Preparation (K-12)** - Exam database of practice tests, including standardized school exams; also includes study guides, videos, and more.



- **NoveList K-8 Plus** - A readers advisory tool to help you and your child find their next favorite book!



- **Teaching Books for Schools (K-12)** - Book guides, activities, author interviews, and other curated resources.

Local Resources

Potter's Wheel Evansville

812.401.4440; pw@potterswheelministries.com

Programs Available

- **Scholars Academy**
Monday - Friday, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
- **Clothing Bank**
Wednesday, 9:00 - 11:00 am
- **The Diner**
Lunch: Tuesday, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Breakfast: Saturday, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Boys & Girls Club of Evansville

One Main Unit 812.425.2311 | Fulton Square Unit 812.428.8519

- **School Hours**
Monday - Friday
2:30 - 7:30 pm
- **Summer Hours**
Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Serves Ages 5-14 years
(children who are five years
old must be currently in
Kindergarten)

Dream Center Evansville

812.401.5558

Programs Available

- Student Success
Coaching
- Out of School
Programming
- Mentoring

YMCA of Southwestern Indiana

Ascension St. Vincent Location 812.423.9622 | Dunigan Family Location 812.401.9622

Programs Available

- Summer Day Camp
- Before and After School Care
- Winter/Spring Break Camp
- School Day Off Program
- Kids Night In

Librarian Recommended Resources

National Geographic

kids.nationalgeographic.com

Games, puzzles, and activities focused on National Geographic content.

Open Up Resources

openupresources.org

Offers short reinforcement activities to extend learning from school into the home-for Kindergarten through High School.

PBS Learning Media

pbslearningmedia.org/student

Free videos and assignments covering a large range of subjects/topics-from PreK-High School.

Smithsonian Learning Lab

learninglab.si.edu

A platform to view and interact with the Smithsonian's extensive collections.

TED-Ed

ed.ted.com

Short videos on a number of topics: arts, business & economics, design & engineering, health, literature & language, mathematics, philosophy, psychology, science & technology, social studies, health, teaching & education, thinking & learning.

Ready for School Word Search

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U C C S D R H C M O I L N Z E L A G O Y
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Word Bank

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English

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lunch

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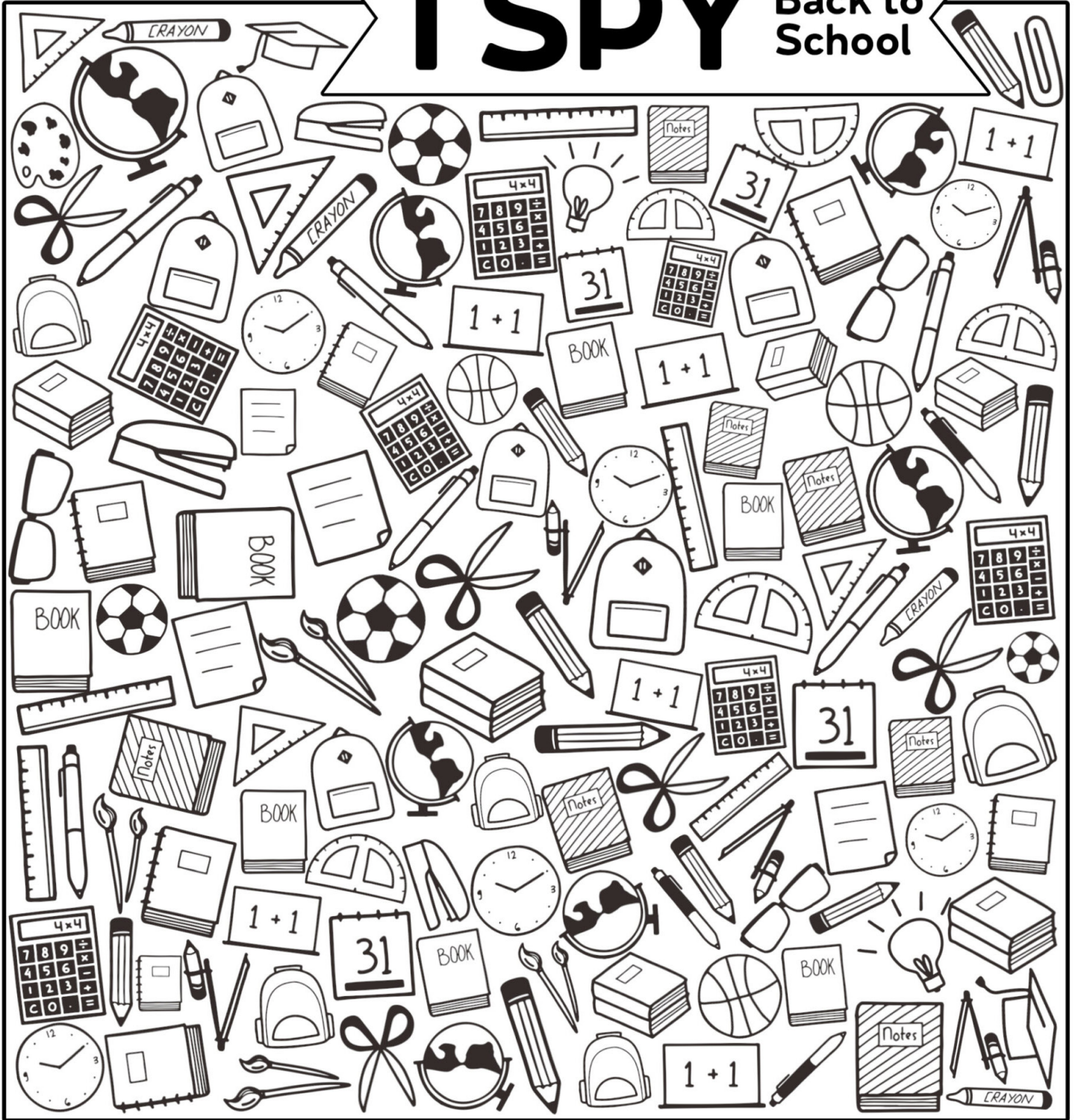
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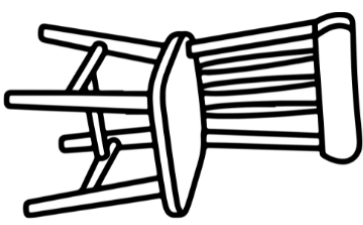
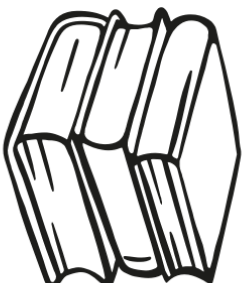
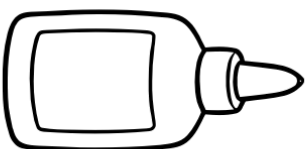
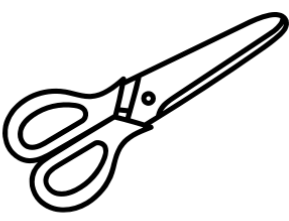
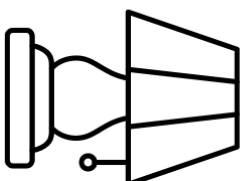
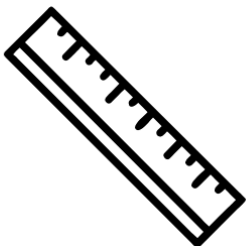
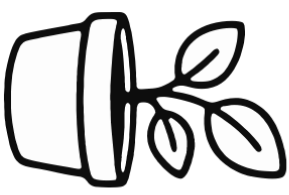
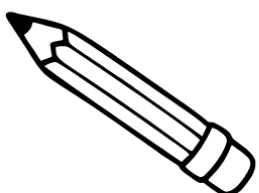
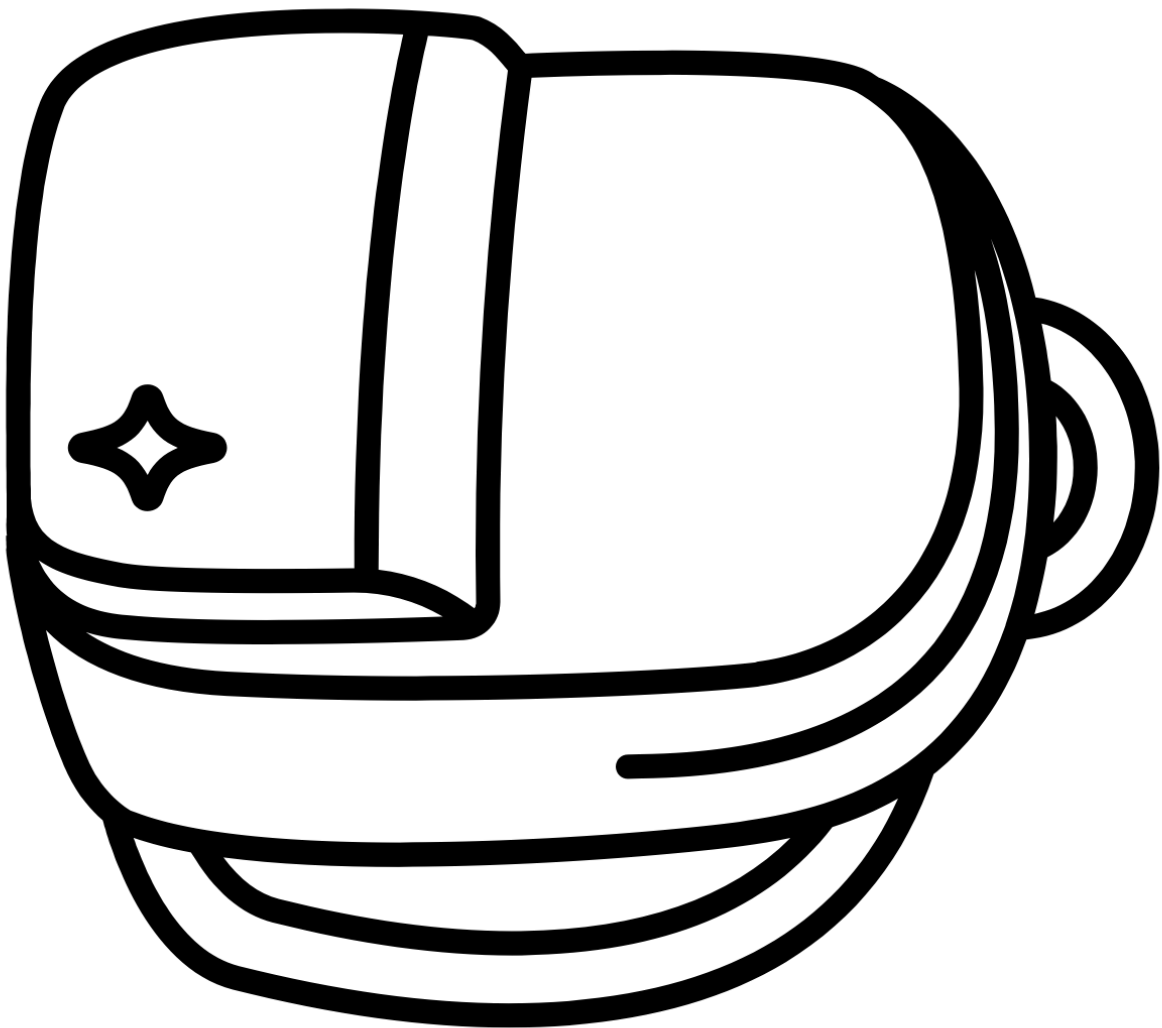
Back to School



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Backpack Pack-Up

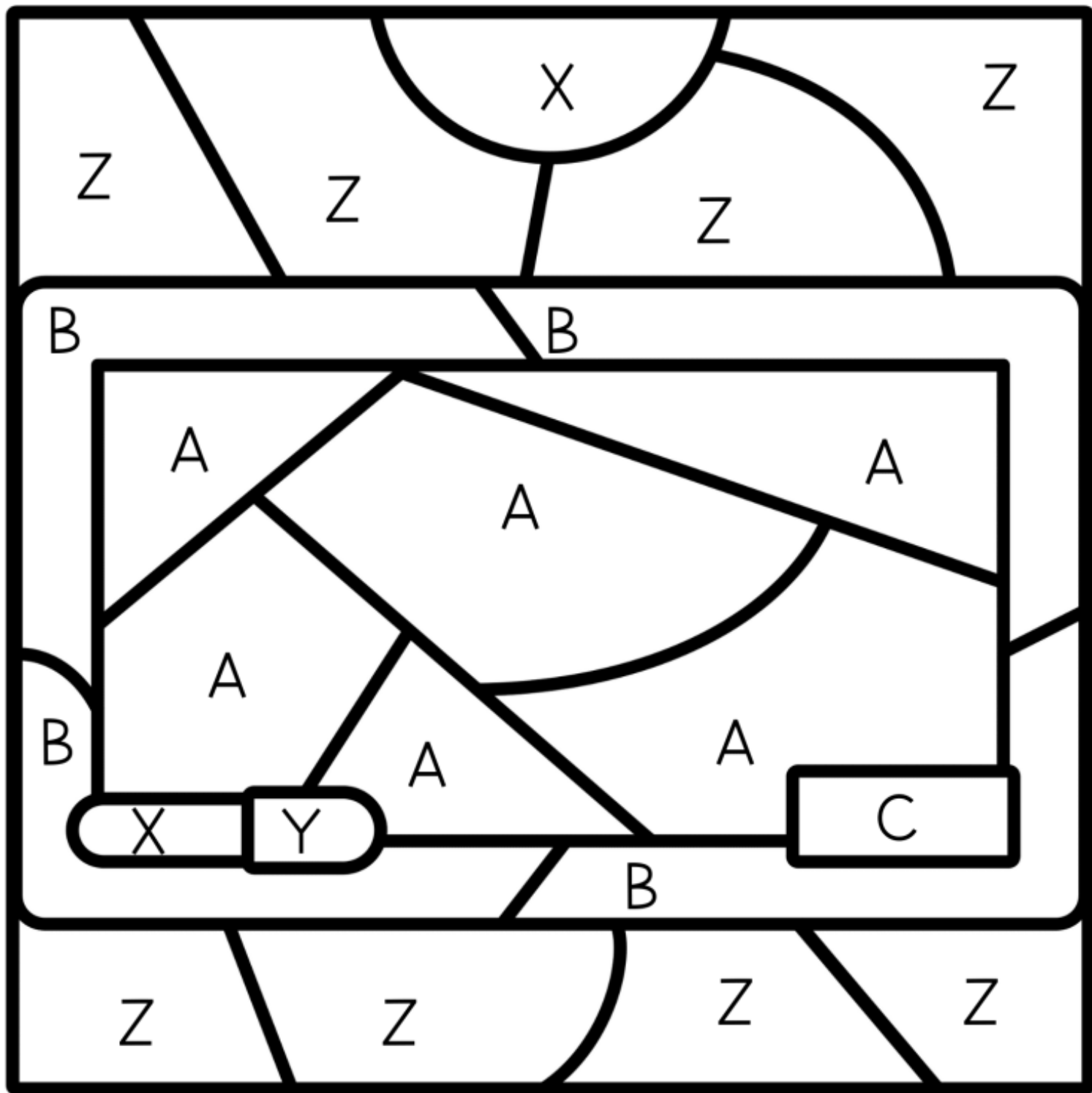
Color, cut, and paste the items that belong in the backpack!



Name: _____ Date: _____

BACK TO SCHOOL

COLOR BY LETTER



Wafer Cookie Pencil Recipe

Prep Time: 10 minutes; makes about 24

Ingredients

- 1 package sugar-free vanilla wafer cookies (flat rectangle ones)
- ¼ cup pink candy melts
- ¼ cup white chocolate chips
- 1 tablespoon mini chocolate chips



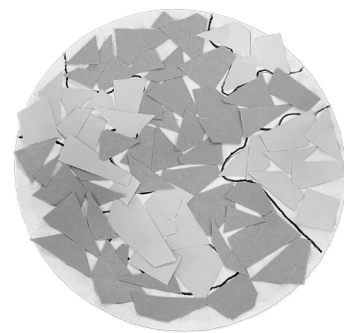
Steps with a grown-up's help

1. Trim the corners off one end of each wafer cookie to form the pointed tip of the pencil.
2. Melt the pink candy melts, and dip the flat end of each wafer into the pink candy coating. Let it set and harden.
3. Next, melt the white chocolate, and dip the pointed tip of each pencil, then quickly press a mini chocolate chip onto the tip to create the pencil "lead".
4. Allow the cookies to fully harden before handling.

Construction Paper Planet

Supplies needed

- Pencil
- Marker
- Paper plate
- Construction paper scraps



Instructions



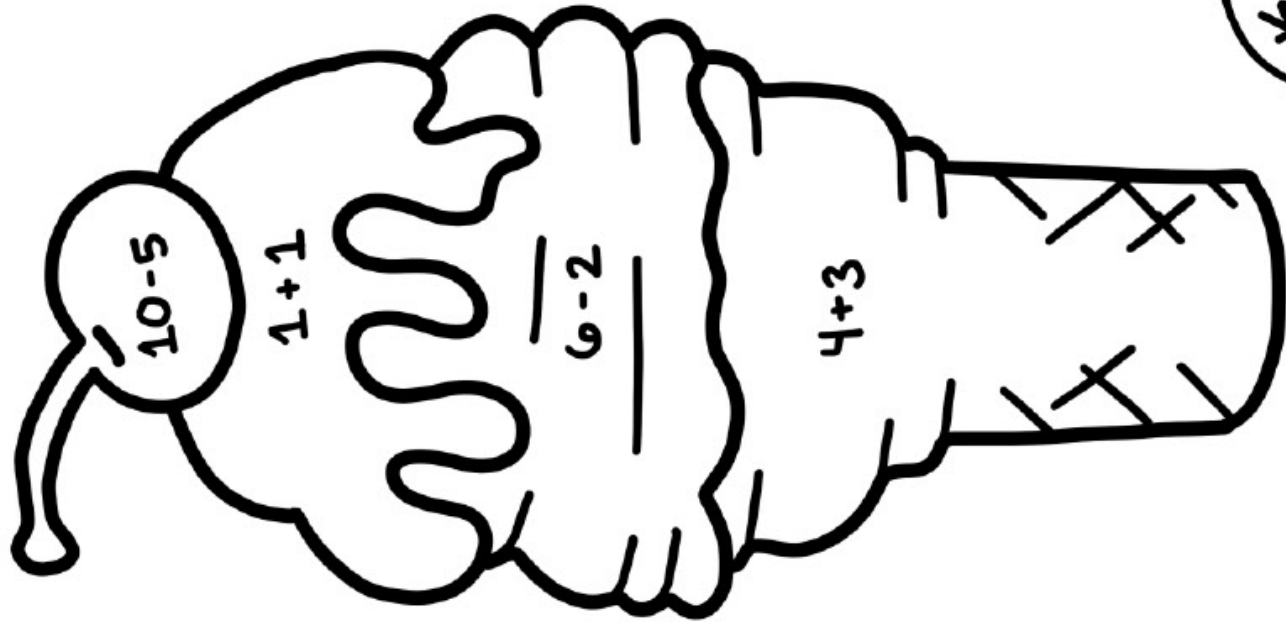
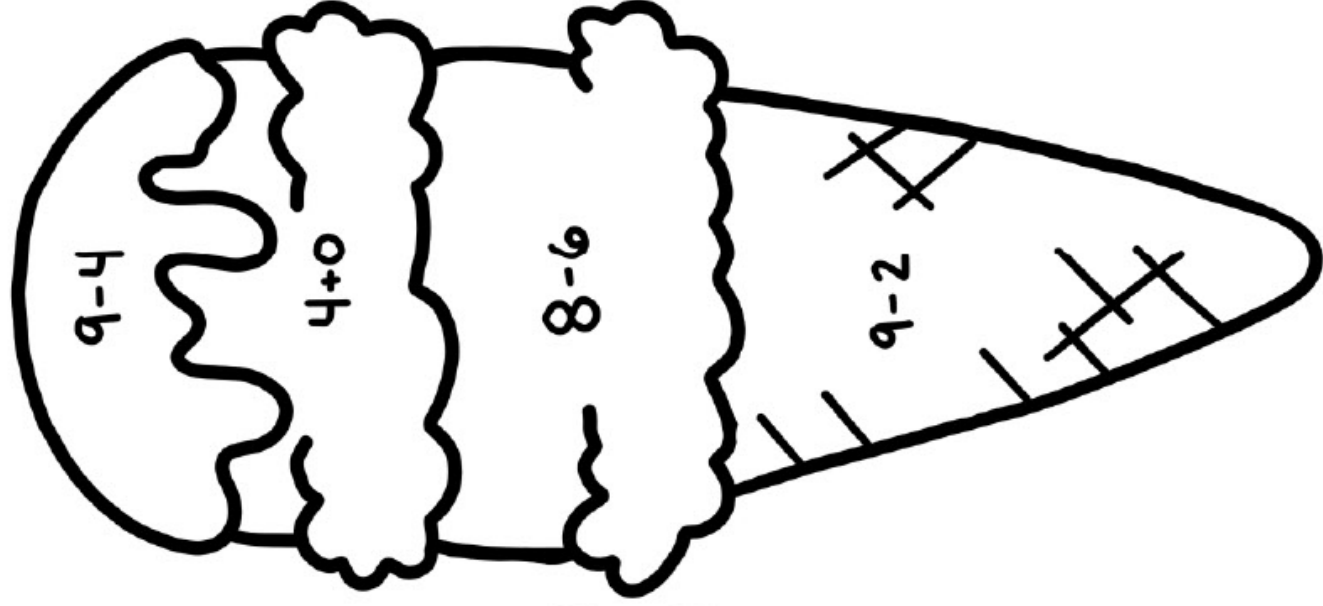
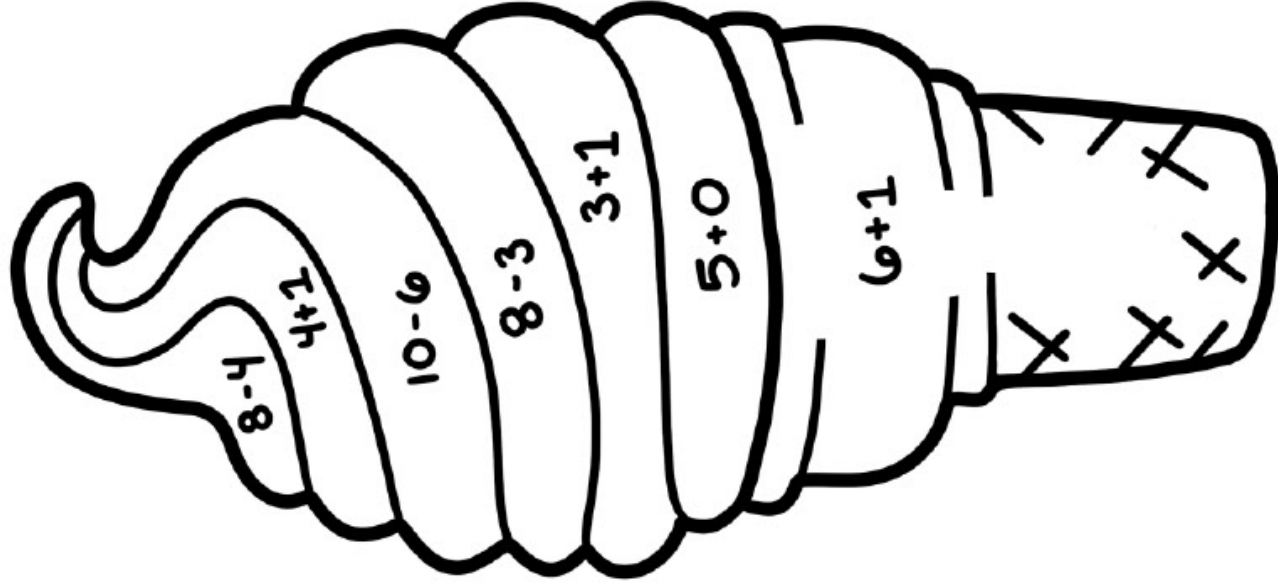
1. Use a pencil to draw the planet's land and water. Trace with a marker.
2. Use the construction paper scraps to create unique shapes. Circles, squares, triangles, whatever!
3. Glue pieces onto the paper plate to color in your planet.

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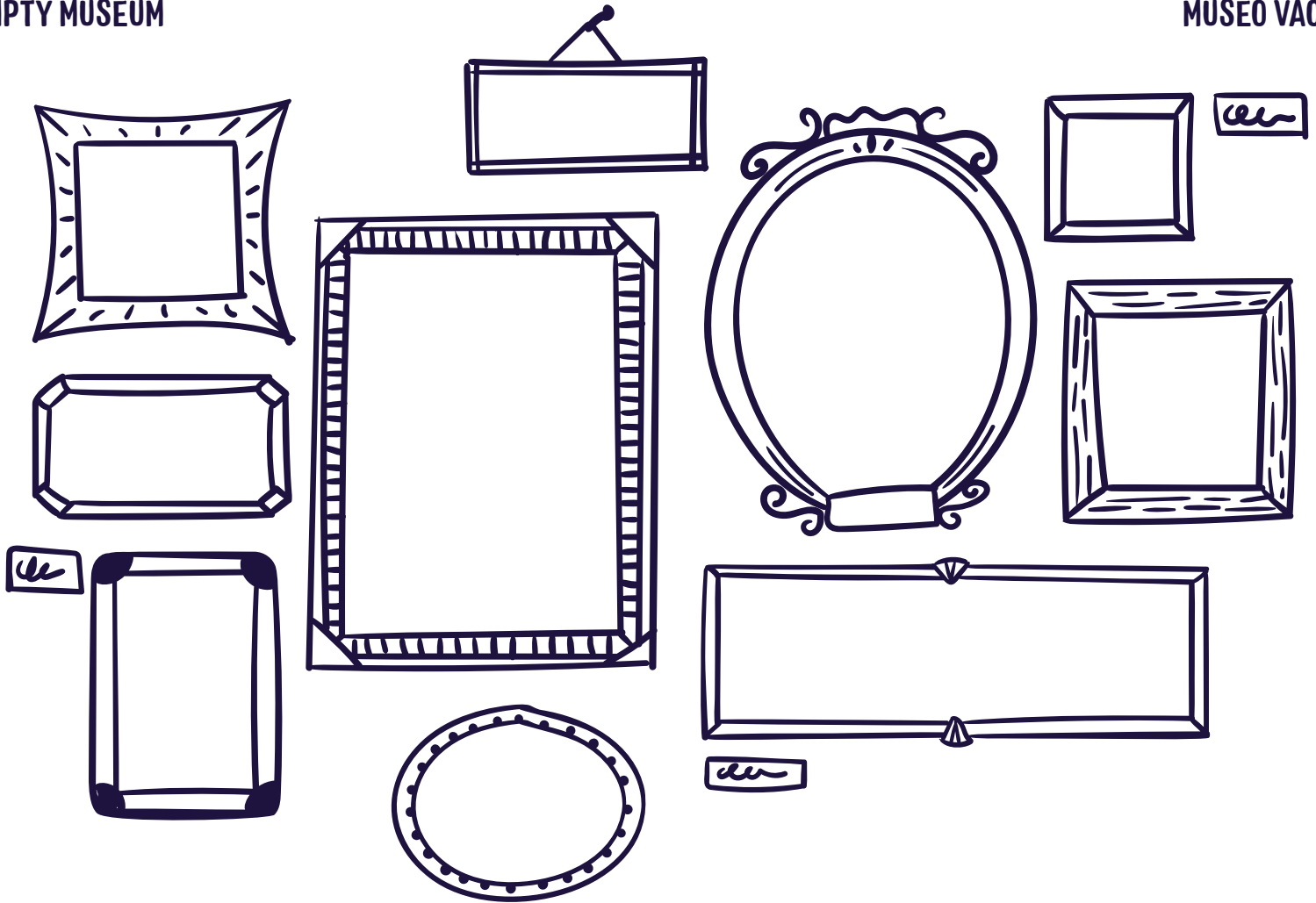
2 = GREEN

5 = PINK

4 = BLUE



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This activity facilitates learning, enhancing the child's freedom of decision and nurturing their creativity. With this worksheet they can develop observation, decision making, concentration, as well as new motor skills in a playful way.

Use this both at home or in the classroom (as warm up, center activity or exercise for fast finishers). Just print it out and give it to the kid to start drawing!

SOME EXTRA IDEAS

Let your little big artist explore with a whole range of drawing materials: colored pencils, markers, collage, crayons, tempera, etc.

Leave the drawing completely free to the child's imagination or customize to the child's interests and current lessons in the classroom:

- Free: Fill the frames with your own artwork. Portraits, landscapes, modern art... there are no wrong choices.
- Custom: Narrow down the drawings within a set of options. Adapt the complexity of the set to the age of kids. For example: only use blue color, only primary colors, imagine that this is the Velazquez room, this is an African art museum, etc.

Esta actividad facilita el aprendizaje, potenciando la libertad de decisión del niño y alimentando su creatividad. Con esta cha pueden desarrollar la observación, toma de decisiones, concentración y motricidad na de forma lúdica.

Úsala en casa o en el aula (como calentamiento, actividad central o entretenimiento para los que terminan antes). Simplemente imprime y dásela al niño para que empiece a dibujar.

ALGUNAS IDEAS EXTRA

Permite a tu pequeño gran artista explorar con todo un rango de materiales de dibujo: lápices de colores, rotuladores, collage, ceras, témperas, etc.

Puedes dejar el dibujo totalmente libre a la imaginación del niño o personalizarlo según sus intereses y unidades didácticas en el aula:

- Libre: Rellena los marcos con tus propias obras de arte. Retratos, paisajes, arte moderno... no hay opciones incorrectas.
- Personalizado: Limita los dibujos a un conjunto de opciones, adaptando la complejidad del conjunto según la edad de los niños. Por ejemplo: sólo puedes usar el color azul, sólo colores primarios, imagina que esta es la sala de Velazquez, este es un museo de arte africano, etc.

Yoga Routine

Growing Your Own Tree

Hold each pose for at least 5 breaths.

1



1. Let's start growing our tree by becoming seeds! Come down to the floor and curl into a little ball, knees together. Lay your chest over your thighs and bring your arms down by your sides. Let your head relax down onto the floor, a block, or your knees.

2

2. Now we're sprouting. Bring your torso up off your body, coming to a low kneeling position.



3



3. Next, our seed will start to grow even more! Come up off your knees, coming to a low squat position.

4



4. The tree begins to shoot up to the sky! Rise up from your squat, bringing your hands above your head. Stand tall!

5. Finally, our tree has fully grown. Starting from standing, bring your weight into your left leg. Bend your right knee, open it to the side, and place your foot on either your left ankle, your left calf, or all the way into your inner thigh.

6. Your hands can stay at your sides for balance, or you can grow your branches and reach your hands upwards.

7. Repeat the whole sequence, making sure to switch which leg you are standing on for tree pose!

5



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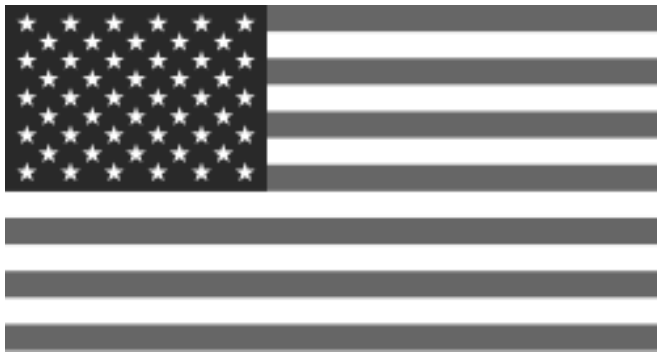


Deep Belly Breathing

1. Find your favorite stuffed animal and a comfy place to lay quietly.
2. Lay flat on your back and place your stuffed animal on your belly.
3. As you inhale, watch the stuffed animal rise towards the ceiling. As you exhale, watch as it lowers.
4. Do this a few times, and see if you can extend your inhale and exhale. Maybe you inhale to a count of 4 and exhale to a count of 6 or 7.
5. Use this activity to transition to quiet time or anytime you need a break!

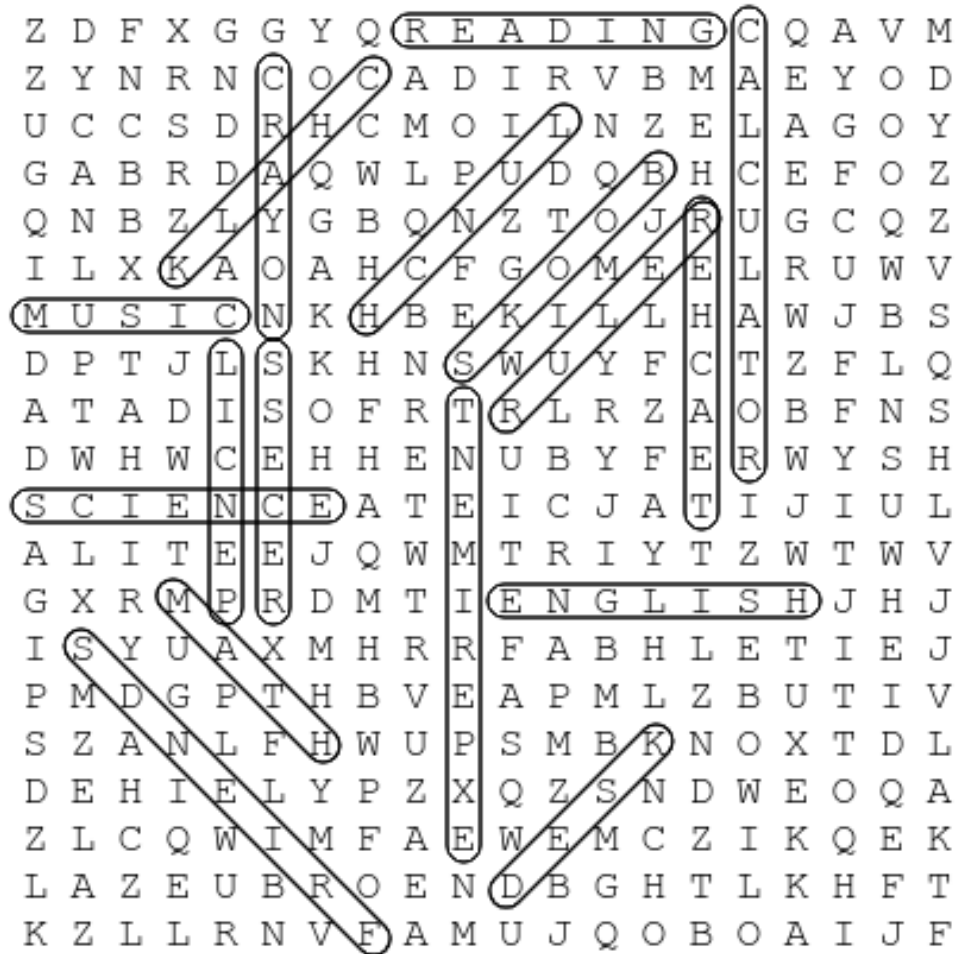
America's 250th

This year is the United States of America's 250th birthday! How many of these American symbols, monuments, and places can you recognize? Can you name them all?



Key

Activity: Ready for School Word Search



Activity: America's 250th!



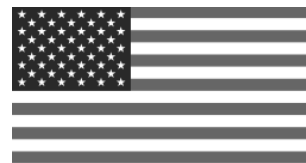
Bald Eagle



Statue of Liberty



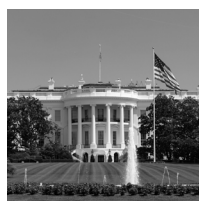
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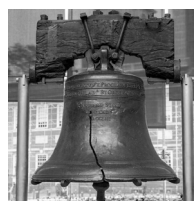
American Flag



Washington Monument



White House



Liberty Bell



Great Seal of the United States

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



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Develop your child's love for reading and learning— from the very beginning!

By reading just one book a day, you and your child will complete 1,000 books in just over three years. Caregivers and children form special bonds while reading together, and children who are read to are more prepared for kindergarten.

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Help your child be successful in school—now and in the future—by registering them for 300 Books by 3rd Grade.

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