

Kindergarten Information

We are looking forward to having your child at Apison Elementary!

Please write your child's name on his/her school supplies. This includes backpack, lunchbox, pencil box, jackets, sweaters, etc. Also, please send all money in an envelope labeled with child's name & what the money is for (field trip, lunch, supply fee, etc).

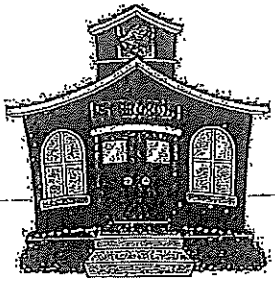
If your child will be a bus rider, you need to write your child's name, address, parents names, and phone numbers where you can be reached and put this on your child's backpack. This needs to be a permanent label that will stay on the backpack the entire school year. Sometimes there are substitute bus drivers who are not familiar with the students and where they get off the bus.

Your child should be able to do the following by the time school starts:

1. Take care of clothing before and after using the restroom (button and unbutton, zip and unzip, get belt buckles buckled and unbuckled).
2. Can take care of all toileting needs independently.
3. Write his/her name using a capital letter at the beginning and lower case letters for the rest of the name. Use the enclosed Zaner-Bloser Alphabet chart to practice the correct down-strokes when forming the letters.
4. Count to 20 and recognize numbers 0-10.
5. Identify colors and shapes.
6. Identify the letters of the alphabet. (upper and lower case and sounds)
7. Use a soft voice when speaking.
8. Use the enclosed Zaner-Bloser Alphabet chart to practice the correct down-strokes when forming the letters.
9. To work independently for 10 to 15 minutes.
10. Listen and follow 2 to 3 step directions.

Please be positive when you talk to your child about starting school. If you act nervous or upset about your child starting school, your child probably will also.

We want to work together with you as a team to help your child be successful and enjoy school!



Ready for Kindergarten

Write first name	Practice phone number	Practice address	Recite birthday
Identify patterns	Identify colors	Practice scissor skills	Identify some shapes
Practice writing letters	Match uppercase to lowercase letters	Identify lowercase letters	Identify uppercase letters
Count to 20	Rhyme familiar words	Practice writing numbers to 10	Count objects
Read a book with mom or dad	Use comparative (big/small) words	Identify position/direction concepts	Put 3-4 pictures together to tell a story

Verbal Path for Letter Formation

The Formation of Letters

TEACH

Use this language to show how to start and form each letter. You may want to model it with a large formation at first and then move to standard size.

Listen to how I say words to help me. Say the words to help you make the letters.

PROMPT

Have the students say the language with you as they trace or write a letter.

You know how to start it.

Think about how to write it.

REINFORCE

Have the students make the letter without using the language.

You knew how to start it.

You knew how to write it.

LOWERCASE LETTER FORMATION

- a — pull back, around, up, and down
- b — pull down, up, around
- c — pull back and around
- d — pull back, around, up, and down
- e — pull across, back, and around
- f — pull back, down, and across
- g — pull back, around, up, down, and under
- h — pull down, up, over, and down
- i — pull down, dot
- j — pull down, curve around, dot
- k — pull down, pull in, pull out
- l — pull down
- m — pull down, up, over, down and up, over and down
- n — pull down, up, over and down
- o — pull back and around
- p — pull down, up, and around
- q — pull back, around, up, and down
- r — pull down, up, and over
- s — pull back, in, around, and back around
- t — pull down and cross
- u — pull down, around, up, and down
- v — slant down, up
- w — slant down, up, down, up
- x — slant down, slant down
- y — slant in, slant and down
- z — across, slant down, across

UPPERCASE LETTER FORMATION

- A — slant down, slant down, across
- B — pull down, up, around and in, back and around
- C — pull back and around
- D — pull down, up, around
- E — pull down, across, across, and across
- F — pull down, across, across
- G — pull back, around, across
- H — pull down, pull down, across
- I — pull down, across, across
- J — pull down, curve around, across
- K — pull down, slant in, slant out
- L — pull down, across
- M — pull down, slant down, slant down, pull down
- N — pull down, slant down, pull up
- O — pull back and around
- P — pull down, up, and around
- Q — pull back and around and cross
- R — pull down, up, around, in, and slant down
- S — pull back, in, around, down, and back around
- T — pull down, across
- U — pull down, around, up, and down
- V — slant down, slant up
- W — slant down up, down up
- X — slant down, slant down
- Y — slant in, slant, and down
- Z — across, slant down, across

Sight Word Inventory

Level A	Level B	Level C	Level D	Level E
am	dad	and	day	all
at	he	are	down	away
can	in	come	into	back
go	it	for	looking	big
is	look	got	she	her
like	mom	here	they	over
me	my	not	went	this
see	on	play	where	want
the	up	said	will	who
to	we	you	your	with



Summer Reading Picks 2020 Grades K » 2

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Chattanooga Public Library is proud to present its 2020 List of recommended Summer Reading Picks. Chosen by local expert librarians, these titles are great reads and are highly regarded in the book community, receiving many awards, excellent reviews and popular appeal. We hope that the 2020 List will help your family pick the best books for your child, grades K-12. All of the books on the List are available at your local library. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles.

Reading in the summer helps build on the skills obtained during the school year so that learning continues into the next grade year. We need the support and encouragement of families to ensure that all of our children become excellent readers.

Happy Reading!

Corinne Hill

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Executive Director
Chattanooga Public Library

CLASSICS

- Madeline**
by Ludwig Bemelmans
Madeline is rushed to the hospital.
K | E Bem
- Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel**
by Virginia Lee Burton
Mike and his machine dig and dig.
N | E Bur
- Whistle for Willie**
by Ezra Jack Keats
Peter learns to whistle for his dog.
L | E Kea
- If You Give a Mouse a Cookie**
by Laura Numeroff
Giving a mouse a cookie is complicated.
K | E Num
- Where the Wild Things Are**
by Maurice Sendak
Max journeys to a land of wild things.
J | E Sen
- I Had Trouble in Getting to Solla Sollew**
by Dr. Seuss
Getting to destinations can be hard.
O | E Seu
- Caps for Sale**
by Esphyr Slobodkina
Monkeys copy the man selling hats.
K | E Slo
- Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day**
by Judith Viorst
A boy has a troubled day.
M | E Vio
- The Napping House**
by Audrey Wood
Nappers overfill a bed.
I | E Woo

PICTURE BOOKS

- Twins**
by Mike Ciccotello
A boy and a giraffe love being twins.
K | E Cic
- The Hike**
by Alison Farrell
Hiking is so much fun.
H | E Far
- Alfie**
by Thyra Heder
Nia's pet turtle disappears.
K | E Hed
- We Don't Eat Our Classmates**
by Ryan T. Higgins
A dinosaur goes to school.
J | E Hig
- The Digger and the Flower**
by Joseph Kuefler
A digger saves a flower.
K | E Kue
- Lubna and Pebble**
by Wendy Meddour
Lubna loves her pebble.
J | E Med
- Bear Came Along**
by Richard T. Morris
Adventures on a river.
J | E Mor
- I Am a Tiger**
by Karl Newson
A mouse thinks he is a tiger.
K | E New
- All Are Welcome**
by Alexandra Penfold
Join a celebration at school.
H | E Pen
- The Pigeon HAS to Go to School!**
by Mo Willems
The pigeon does not want to go to school.
I | E Wil

PICTURE BOOKS

- How to Give Your Cat a Bath in Five Easy Steps**
by Nicola Winstanley
A girl and a know-it-all narrator try to bathe a cat.
K | E Win
- The Goose Egg**
by Liz Wong
An elephant finds an egg on her head.
H | E Won
- A Kite for Moon**
by Jane Yolen
A boy loves the moon.
K | E Yol

FOLK & FAIRY TALES

- The Turnip**
by Jan Brett
Badgers pull up a giant turnip.
M | E Bre
- Rabbit's Snow Dance: A Traditional Iroquois Story**
by James and Joseph Bruchac
Rabbit wants it to snow.
L | J 398.2089 Bru
- Princess and the Peas**
by Rachel Himes
Princess cooks black-eyed peas.
L | E Him
- A Cooked-Up Fairy Tale**
by Penny Parker Klostermann
William cooks for fairy tale friends.
P | E Klo
- The Little Red Fort**
by Brenda Maier
Ruby wants help building a fort.
O | E Mai
- Good Night, Wind**
by Linda Elovitz Marshall
Where can Wind go to rest?
L | E Mar

FOLK & FAIRY TALES

Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs

by Mo Willems
Twisted version of a classic.
M | E Wil

Little Red Reading Hood and the Misread Wolf

by Troy Wilson
Little Red teaches the wolf to read.
J | E Wil

NONFICTION

Mae Among the Stars

by Roda Ahmed
Young Jemison loves space.
L | E Ahm

Don't Let Them Disappear

by Chelsea Clinton
Learn about endangered animals.
T | J 591.68 Cli

Dancing Hands: How Teresa

Carreño Played the Piano for President Lincoln
by Margarita Engle
A girl plays piano for a President.
R | J 786.2092 Eng

This Is How We Do It

by Matt Lamothe
Everyday things done around the world.
M | J 305.23 Lam

Saving Fiona

by Thane Maynard
A premature hippo is cared for at the Cincinnati Zoo.
R | J 599.635 May

NONFICTION

Summer Green to Autumn Gold

by Mia Posada
Leaves change colors.
L | J 581.48 Pos

Otis and Will Discover the Deep

by Barb Rosenstock
Dive deep in the ocean in a Bathysphere.
O | J 551.4609 Ros

CHAPTER BOOKS

King & Kayla and the Case of the

Lost Tooth
by Dori Hillestad Butler
A girl and her dog find a missing tooth.
K | E But

Bink & Gollie

by Kate DiCamillo
Two friends and their funny adventures.
M | J DiC

I Am a Super Girl!

by Kelly Greenawalt
Princess Truly saves the day.
H | E Gre

We Found a Hat

by Jon Klassen
Two turtles want one hat.
F | E Kla

Katie Woo: Cartwheel Katie

by Fran Manushkin
Katie loves gymnastics.
J | E Man

Fox + Chick: The Quiet Boat Ride and Other Stories

by Sergio Ruzzier
Escapades of unlikely friends.
H | E Ruz

CHAPTER BOOKS

Charlie & Mouse

by Laurel Snyder
Two brothers have lots of fun.
J | E Sny

My Kite is Stuck! And Other Stories

by Salina Yoon
Tales about friendship.
G | E Yoo

BEGINNING READERS

Pete the Cat: Pete's Big Lunch

by James Dean
Pete makes a giant sandwich.
J | E Dea

I Want to Be a Doctor

by Laura Driscoll
Learn about doctors.
K | E Dri

We Are Growing!

by Laurie Keller
A humorous look at grass growing.
H | E Kel

Mr. Monkey Bakes a Cake

by Jeff Mack
Baking has never been so funny.
E | E Mac

See Otto

by David Milgrim
Easy reader about a robot.
D | E Mil

I Really Like Slop!

by Mo Willems
Gerald doesn't like Piggie's cooking.
G | E Wil

POEMS, RIDDLES & SONGS

Clackety Track

by Skila Brown
Poems about trains.
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The Library Book

by Tom Chapin
Rhyming book about the library.
J | E Cha

Bark in the Park!

by Avery Corman
Dogs and their families visit the park.
H | J 811.54 Cor

Thinker: My Puppy Poet and Me

by Eloise Greenfield
Jace and Thinker love poetry.
H | J 811.54 Gre

Old Mikamba Had a Farm

by Rachel Isadora
A new setting for a classic song.
H | E Isa

Lion of the Sky: Haiku for All

Seasons
by Laura Purdie Salas
The seasons come alive through haiku.
J | J 811.6 Sal

With My Hands: Poems About

Making Things
by Amy Ludwig VanDerwater
What can you make with your hands?
K | J 811.6 Van

Digger, Dozer, Dumper

by Hope Vestergaard
Poems about hardworking vehicles.
L | J 811.6 Ves

I Spy Treasure Hunt

by Walter Wick
Find hidden treasures in pictures.
K | J 793.73 Wic

Guided reading levels as determined by the Fountas & Pinnell Text Level Gradient used by Hamilton County Schools.
Kindergarten: A B C D | 1st: E F G H I J | 2nd: K L M | 3rd: N O P | 4th: Q R S | 5th: T U V | 6th: W X Y | 7-8th: Z | 9th+: Z+

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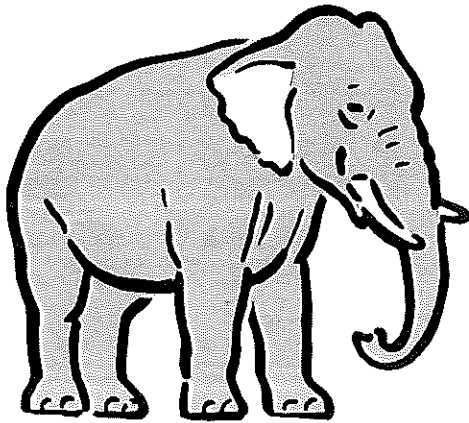
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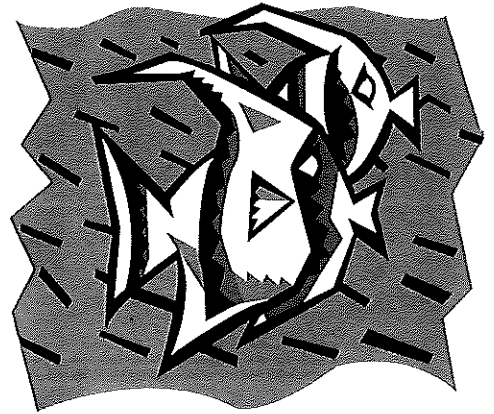
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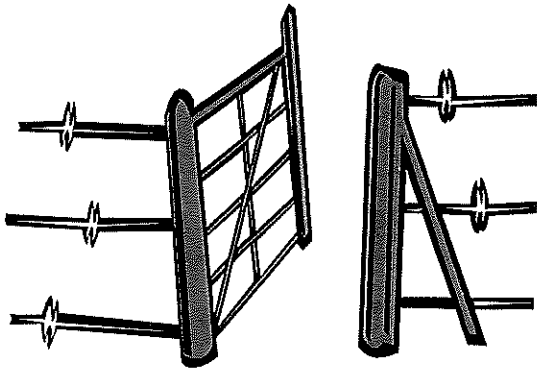
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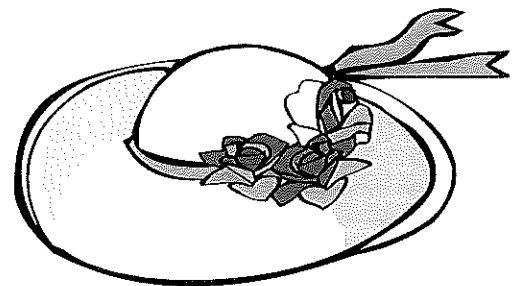
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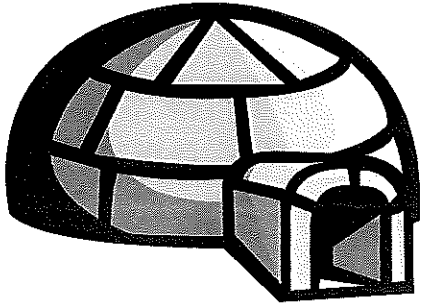
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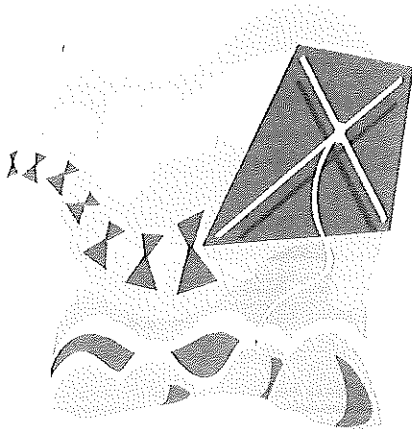
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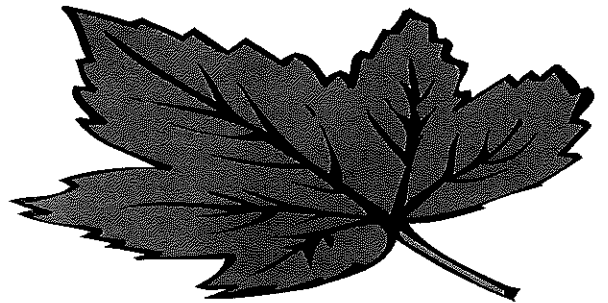
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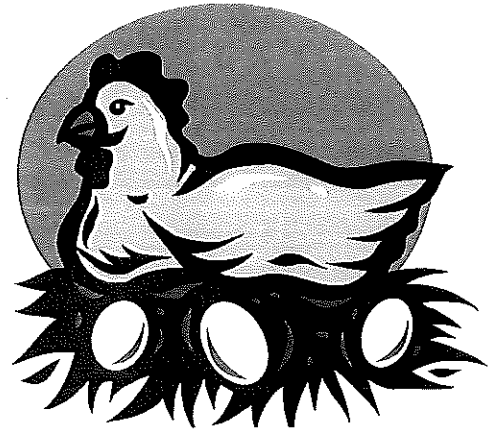
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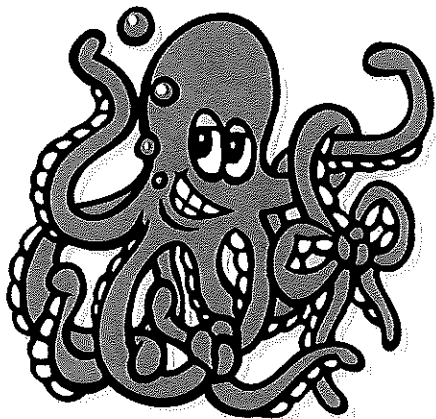
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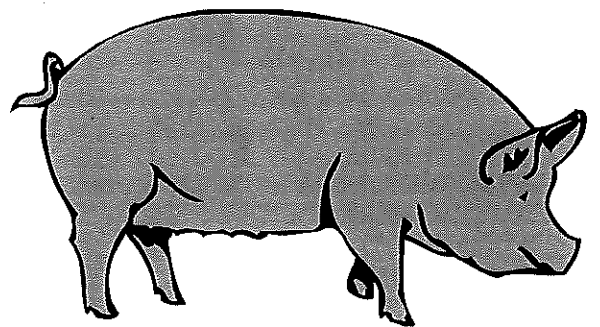
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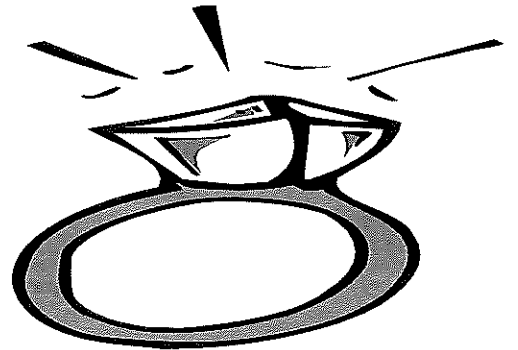
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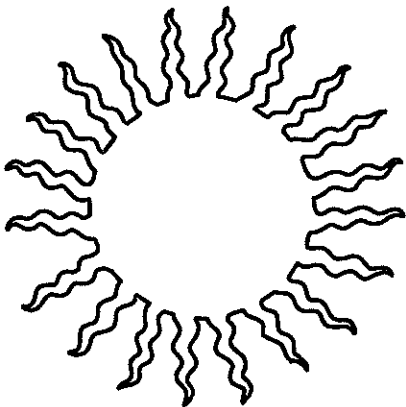
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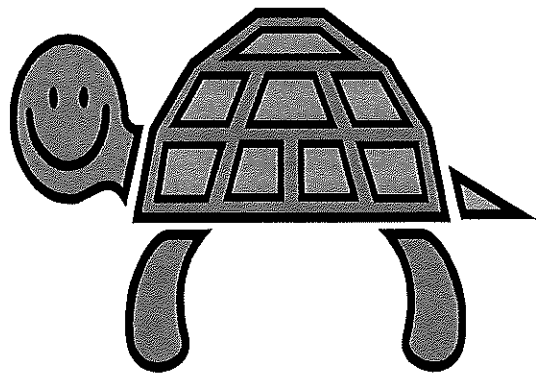
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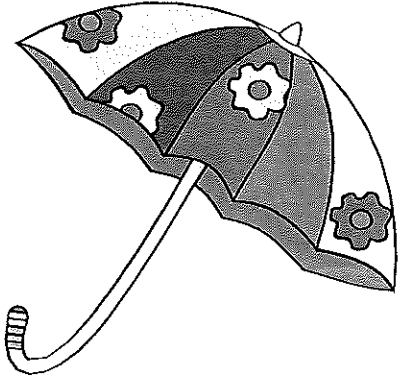
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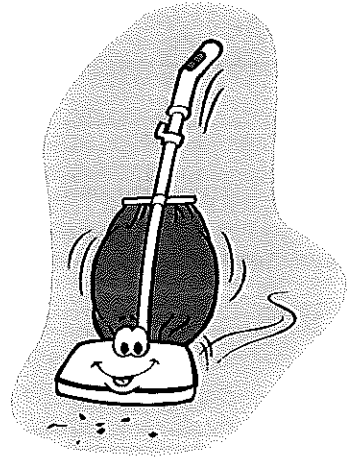
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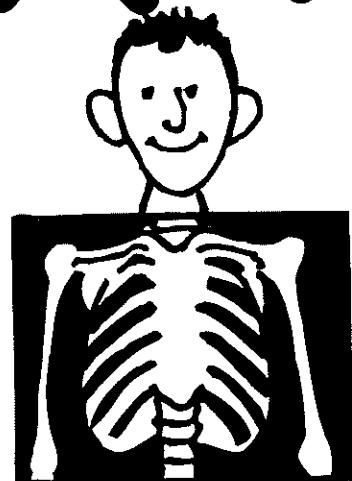
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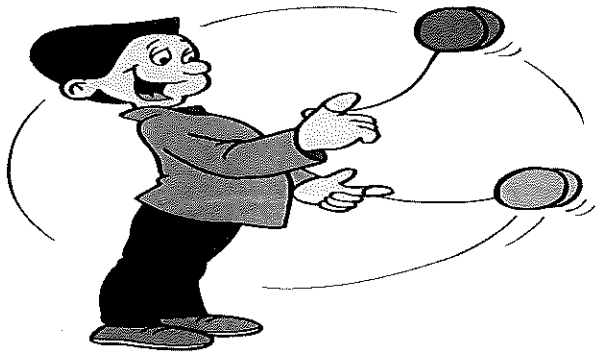
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