Welcome to Pre-K St. Malachy-IMS Teacher: Ms. Easterling, M.Ed.

Dear Parents,

I want to say first and foremost that I am looking forward to having your scholar in our Pre-K classroom for the 2023-2024 school year. I can't wait for us to take part in all of the wonderful and amazing activities that we will be experiencing this year and that it will be filled with plenty of learning opportunities and collaboration with you, the parents and families.

I hope that you have enjoyed the summer as well as taken time to complete the Summer Work packet along with your scholar.

There will be more information to come.

Take care,

Ms. Easterling, M. Ed.

Dear Future Pre-K Families,

Happy summer! This packet is to help support your child throughout the summer. It will help strengthen their skills and prepare them for Pre-K!

Shapes and Colors:

- Continue to practice working on shapes and colors. Recognizing shapes and colors in various places.
- ✓ Matching objects that are the same shape/color.

Letters and Numbers:

- ✓ Continue to practice working with letters. Recognizing uppercase letters (especially those in your name), matching uppercase letters.
- Continue to practice working on numbers. Recognizing numbers I-5, counting to IO.

Fine/Gross Motor:

- ✓ Puzzles
- ✓ Practice jumping and skipping skills
- ✓ Continue practicing how to hold a crayon correctly.
- ✓ Using play doh and different play doh tools (using play doh scissors is a great way to begin learning how to use scissors properly and safely).

Social-Emotional/Independence:

- ✓ Bathroom independence (toileting, pulling up pants, hand washing)
- ✓ Sustaining interest in areas until timer goes off/building interest in daily activities.
- ✓ Cleaning up after self (play time, eating, general belongings)
- ✓ Joining play
- ✓ Unpacking belongings
- ✓ Transitioning between activities without hesitation/disruption
- ✓ Complete independent activities without prompting

I hope everyone has a wonderful and relaxing summer! I can't wait to meet everyone in the fall! We are going to have a great year in 2.9!

Best,

Your Future Pre-K Teacher



Reading at home and making it part of your daily routine will help make your child successful at school.

Things to do while Reading:

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- I. Before reading ask questions and make predictions.
- 2. While reading talk about new vocabulary and their meaning.
- 3. Make connections to past books or life situations.
- 4. Discuss the character's and settings while you read.
- 5. Discuss why things are happening, how do the characters feel etc...
- 6. Have your child "read" the book. They might make up words while using the pictures as cues.
- Have your child turn the pages while reading, fill in the rhymes as you read, notice patterns in the text and illustrations, and notice and talk about letters and the sounds they make.

Place: Make sure you have a cozy place for your child to read. Add cushions, beanbags, fluffy blankets, and stuffed toys.

If you are able to leave the house, encourage reading outdoors, in the car, etc...

How: When reading a book, make it fun by using props, puppets, flashlight, changing your voice, act it out, etc...

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What: make sure you have a bunch of different types of books available. Try reading on a device or computer. Listen to the book online. Make sure you have books of different genres, and authors.

Things to read: reading doesn't mean only books. You can also include, magazines, menus, newspapers, lists, comics, etc...

Keep in mind: Encourage your child to re-read books. Children notice new things after reading the same books over and over. They also build fluency and knowledge.

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	Mark the boxes showing what you do. Happy Reading!					
	READ a book with a BLUE cover	Read on your bed	READ on a FRIDAY	Read a FAIRY TALE	Read a <u>Sill y</u> story	
	Read something NON- FICTION	Read a book about pets	Read in a FORT	Read in a bathtub	Read by a window	
	Read while wearing a HAT	READ in the morning	reading	Read a BOOK about dinosaurs	Read in your pajamas	
	Read a BOOK about a cat	Read a book Under a blanket	Read While eating a SNACK	READ into a pretend microphone	Read <u>YOU</u> favorite BOOK	
	Read a BOOK on a device	Read in your BEST monster VOICE	Listen to an audiobook	Read in a CLOSET using A flashlight	READ a book about bugs.	
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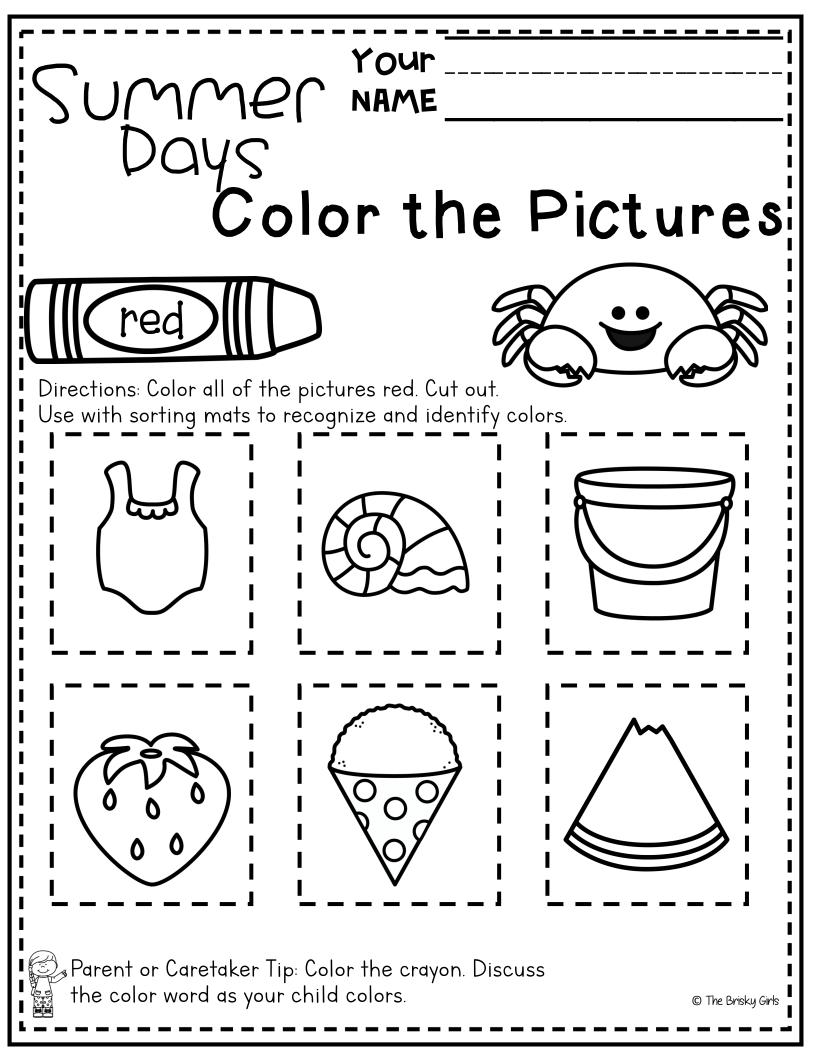
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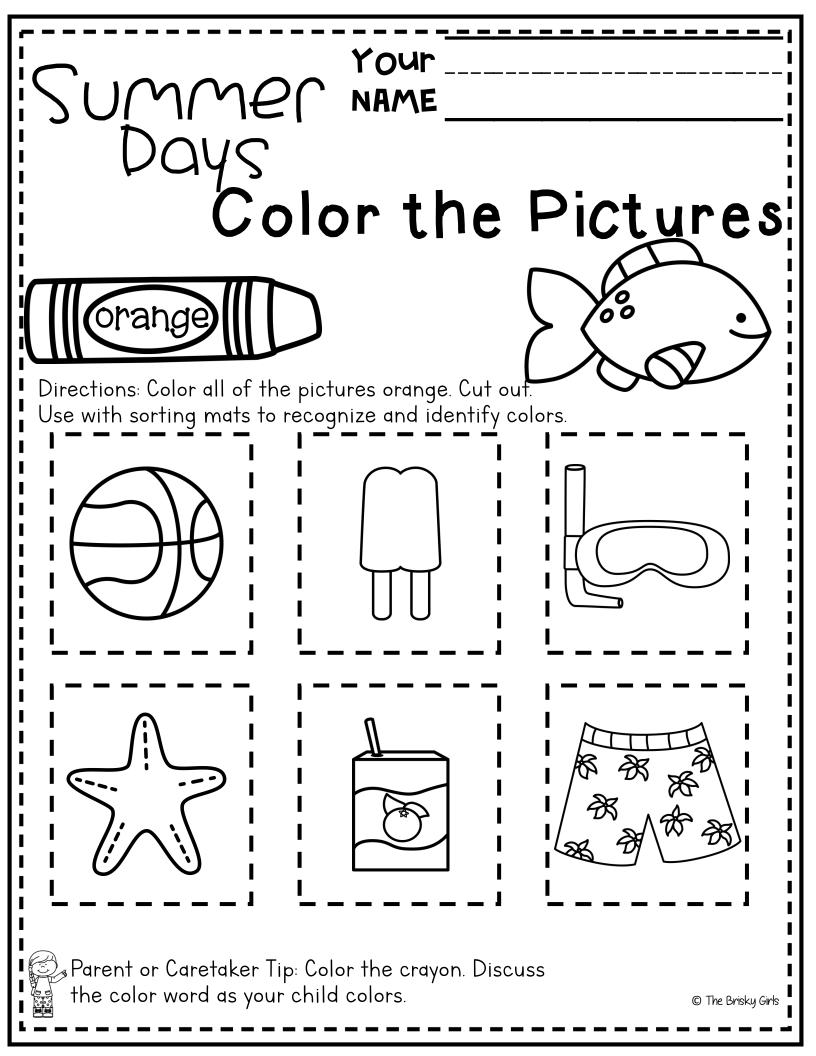
Colors are a fun part of preschool. Identifying and namingcolors are important skills for children to learn. Your child will be off to a great start if they know all of their colors before entering school.

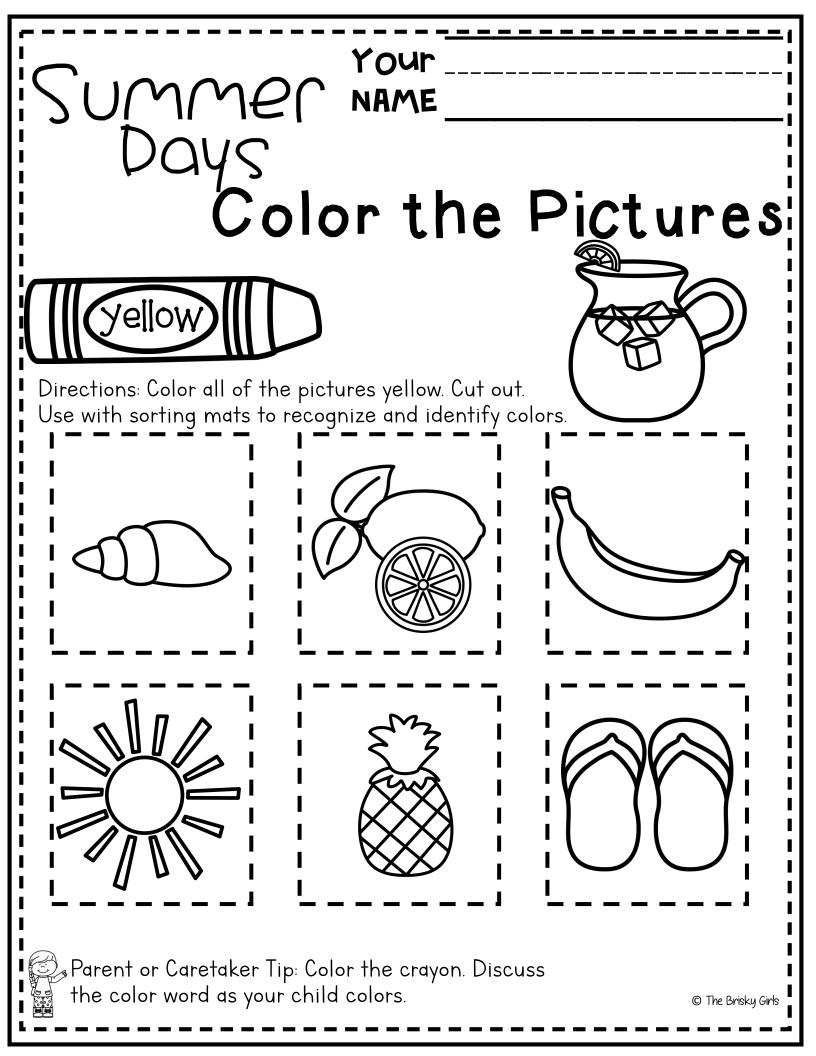
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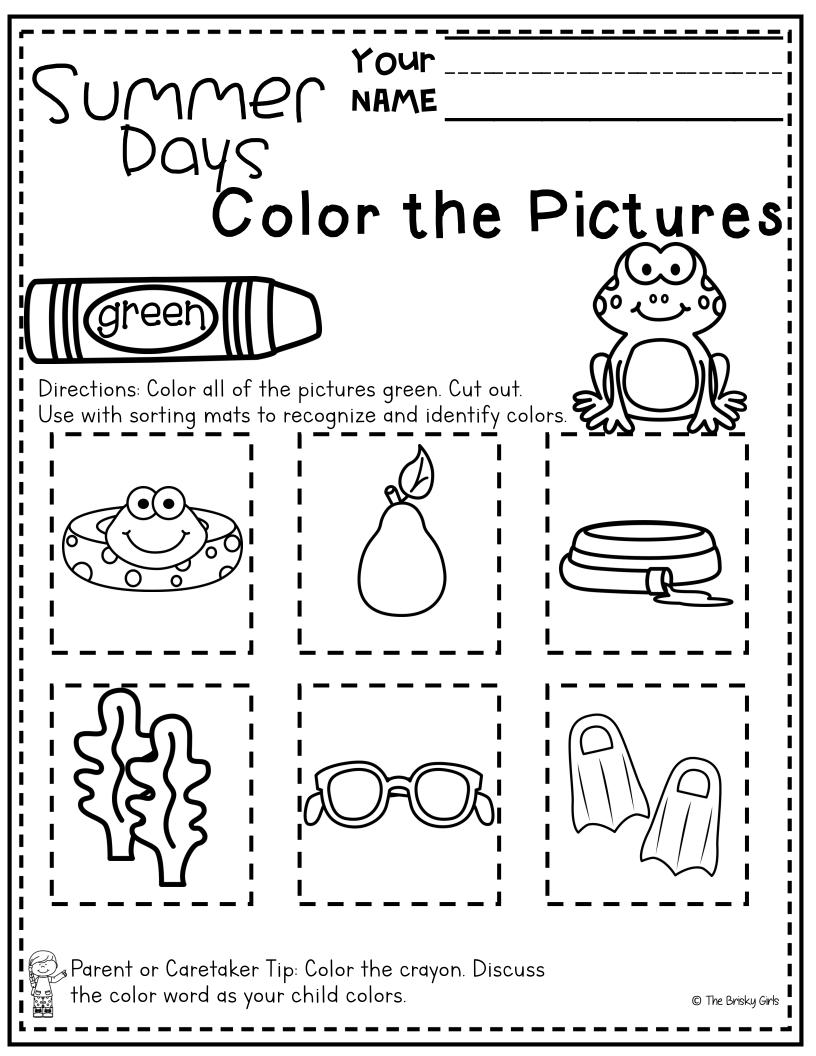
Go to a dollar store and pick up some color flashcards to practice with every week. If your child has a younger sibling, have your child "teach" him or her their colors— this will help to increase the fun and learning!

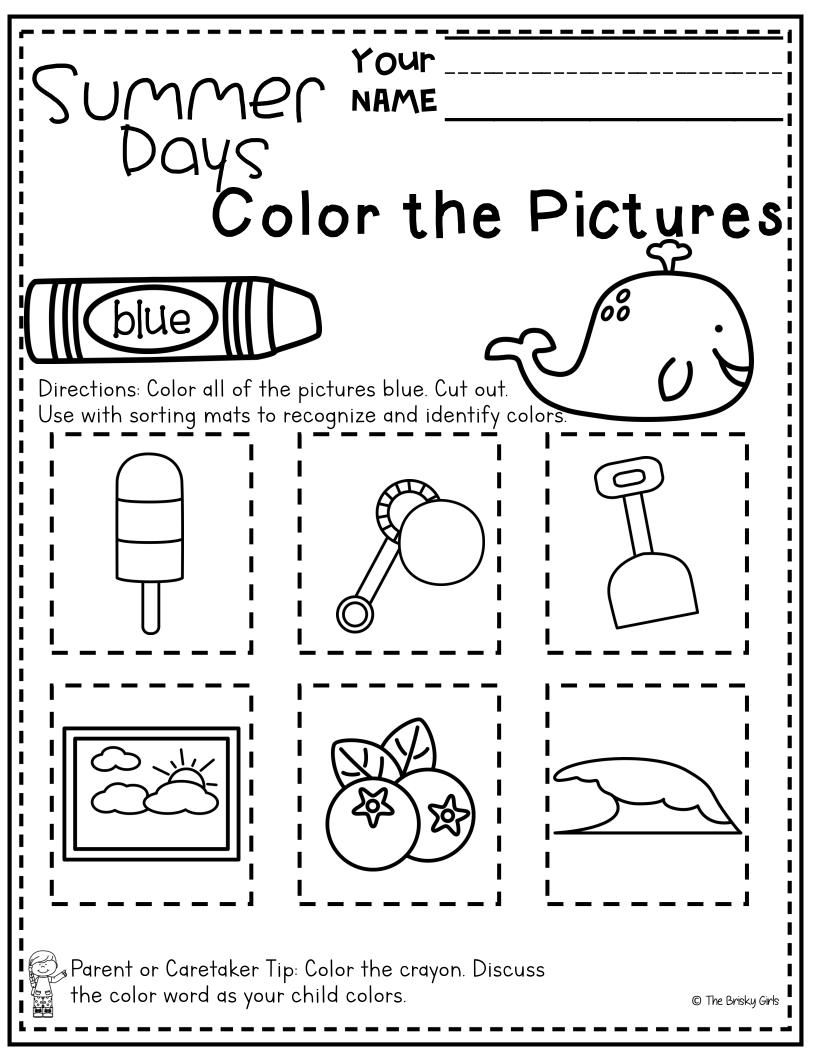
Take some paints outside and collect some stones. Have a little rock painting party at an outdoor table. This is a great opportunity to practice color words while having a ton of fun!

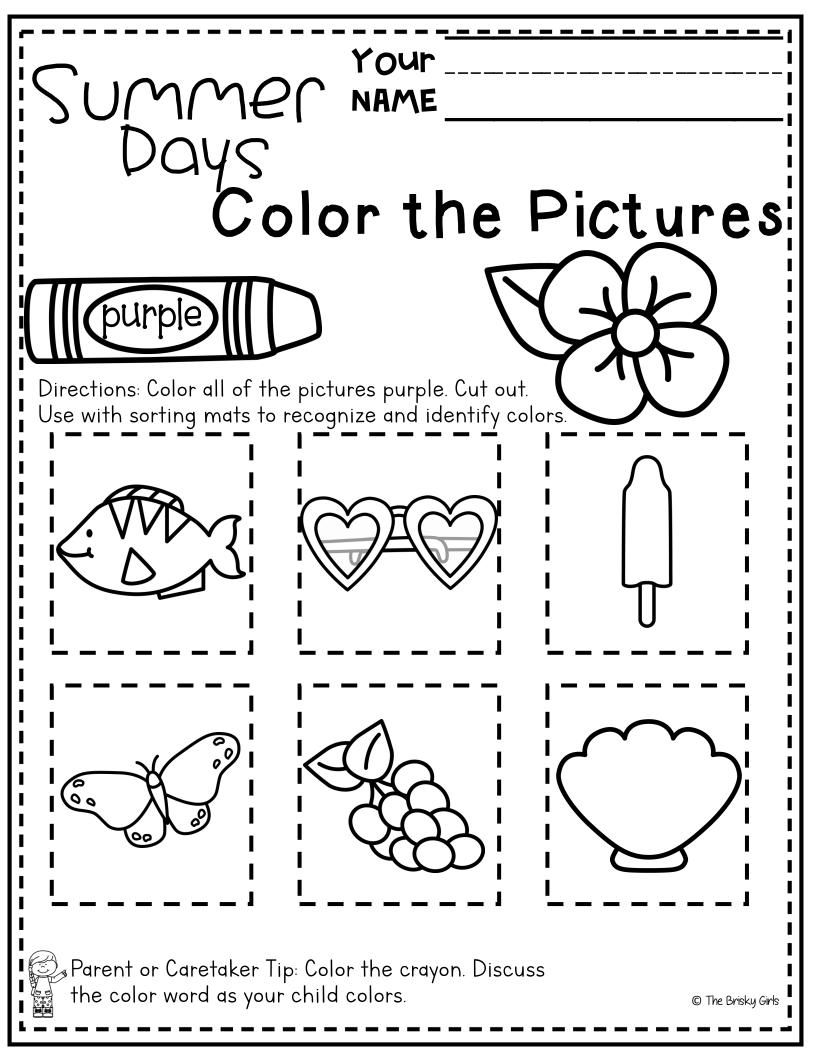


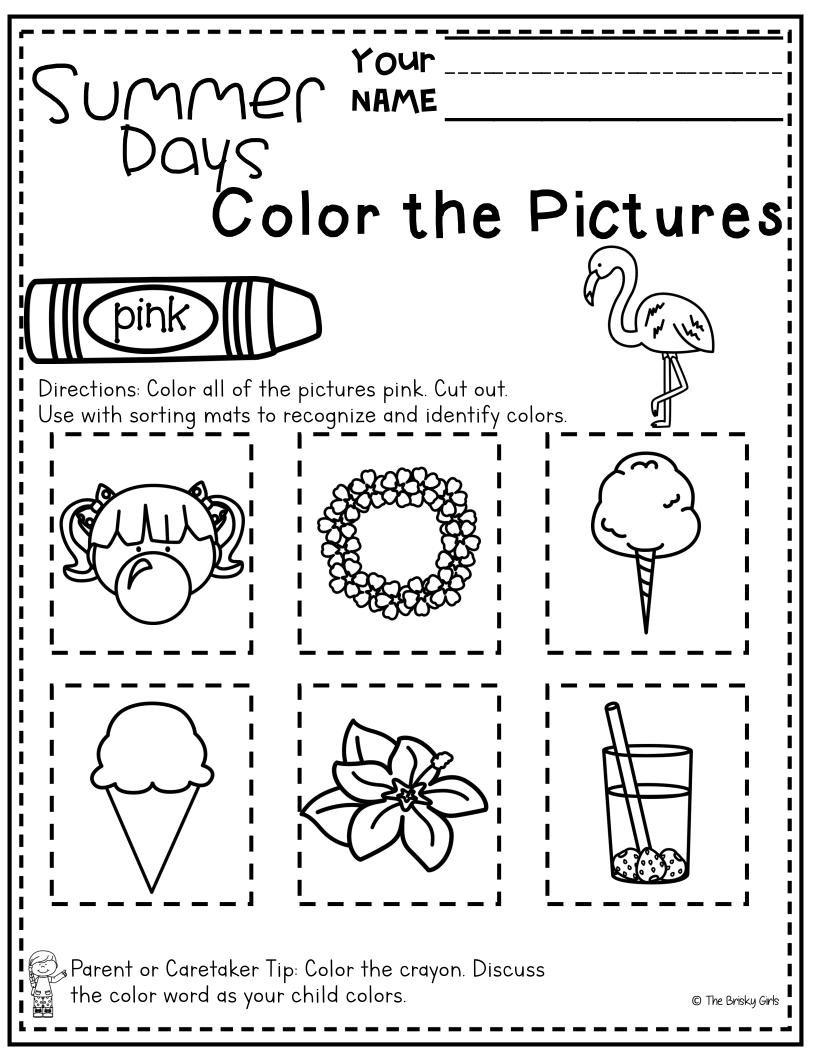






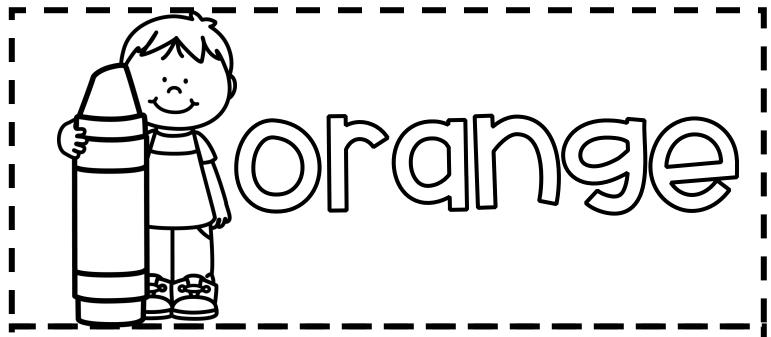




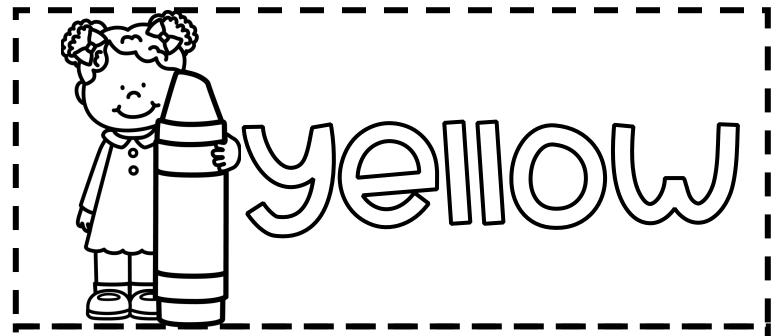








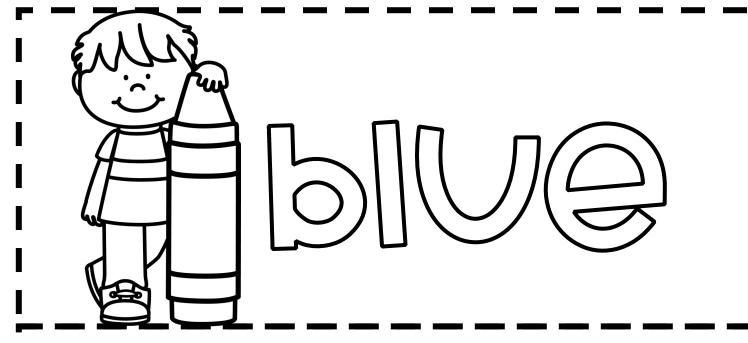




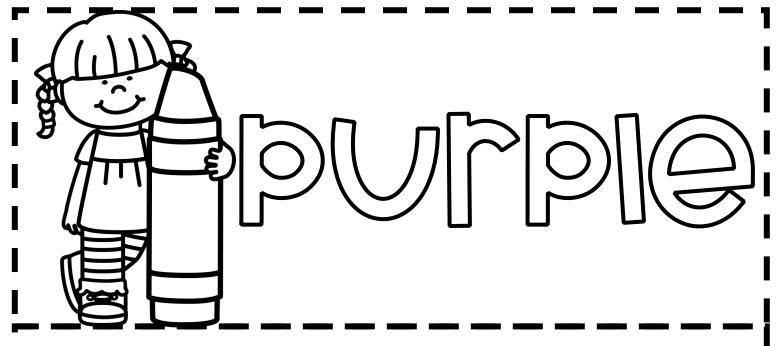




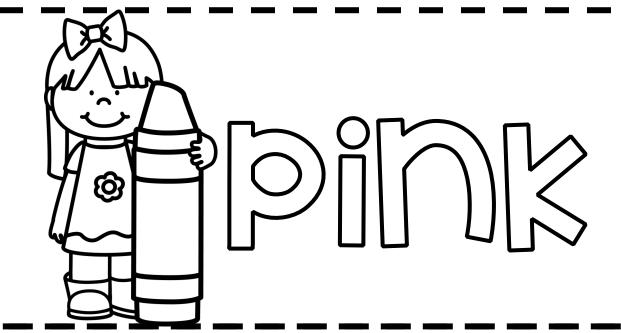














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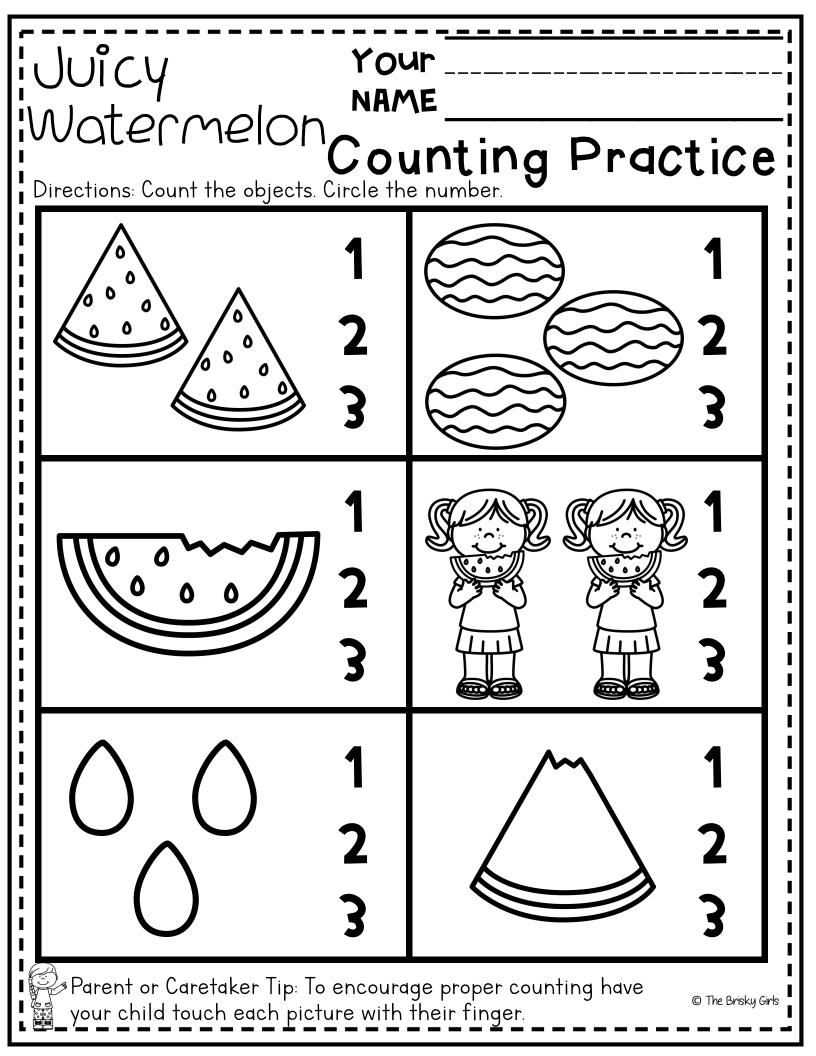
Numbers and counting are the basic mathematical skills of preschool. Children learn how to count and recognize their numbers very early on.

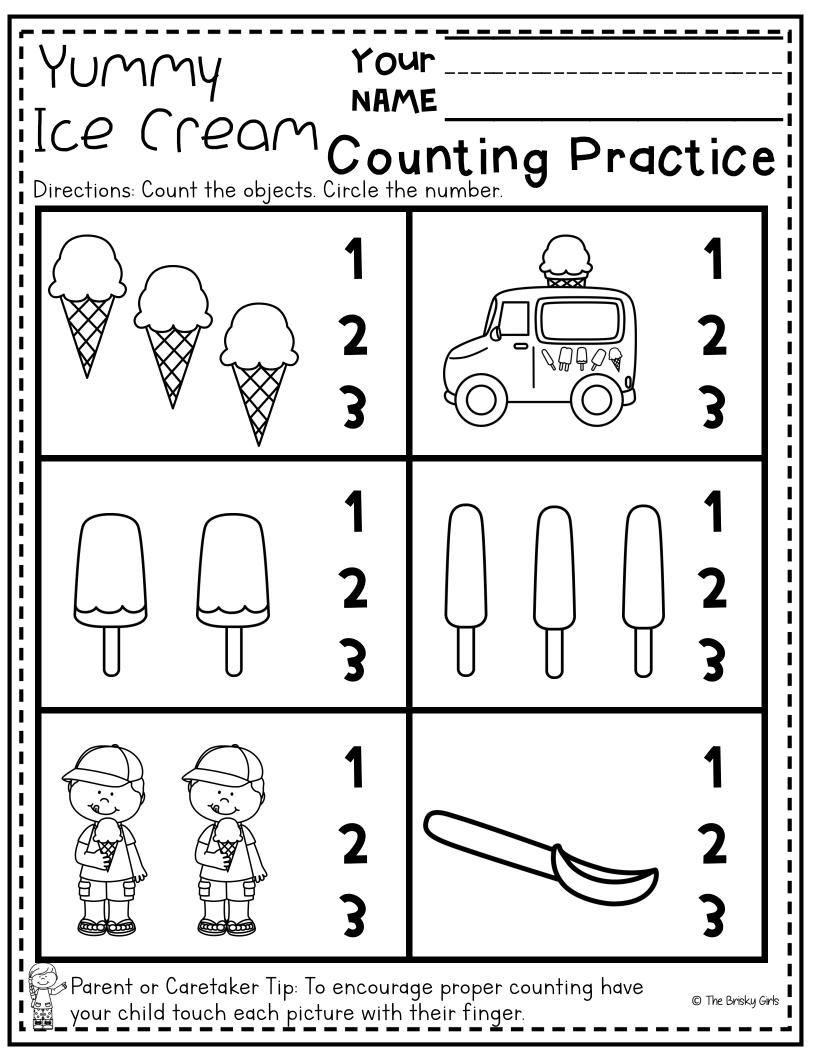
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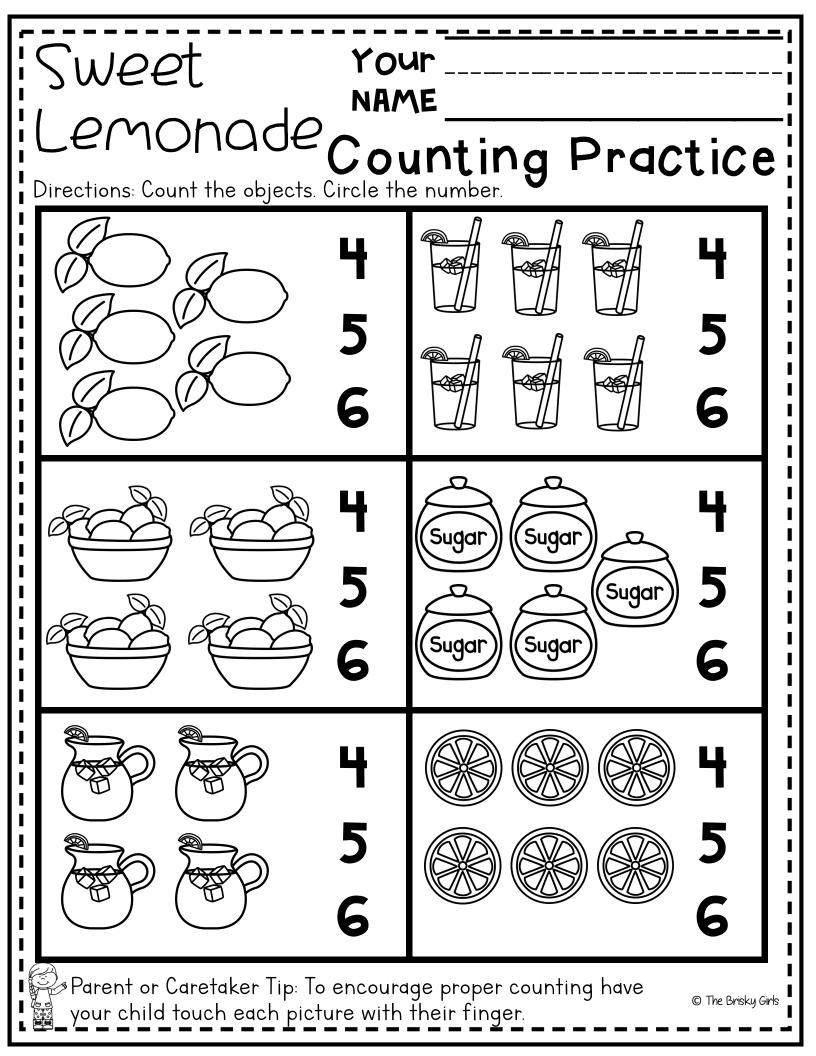
Practice counting up to 20 (or more!) with your child as often as you can. Make it a fun game or song while you do different activities together.

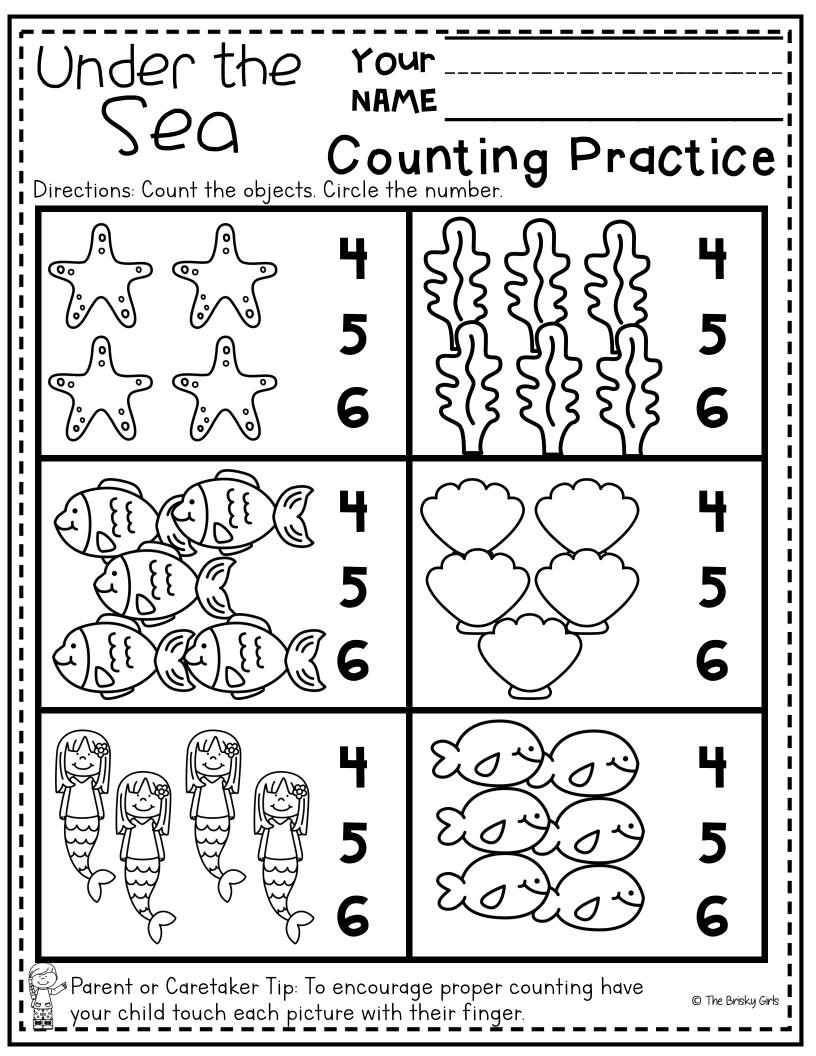
Use everyday objects such as buttons or beads to practice counting. Line them up in rows and have your child touch each one while counting.

> While driving in the car, have your child try to count the cars passing by — simple games like this will help your child's counting skills greatly!









Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Will there be enough room... for the letters in your name?

