

EARLY LITERACY - ACTIVITY PACKET

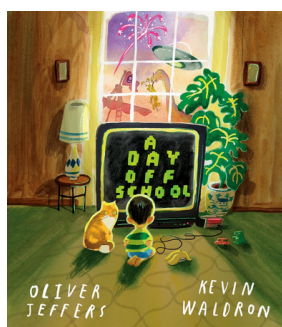
SEPTEMBER

Back to school is here! To help with the busy back-to-school schedule, we have put together a list of books for you to check out and some activities for you and your child to complete together.



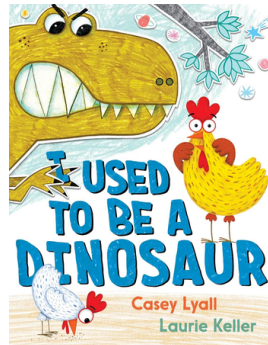
Kindergarten Gets Ready by Naomi Danis

Join kindergarten teacher Mr. Bee as he gets ready for the new school year. Watch as he transforms a cluttered classroom into an inviting, orderly space where everything has its place.



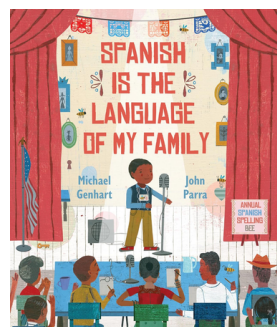
A Day Off School by Oliver Jeffers

When Herbie has the sniffles, he stays home from school. It's exciting at first but by lunchtime, he wonders what fun he might be missing at school. What if there's extra playtime, a dog on the loose or even A PIRATE INVASION?



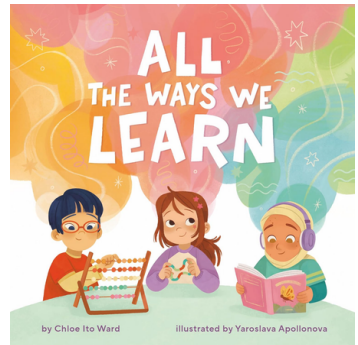
I Used to Be a Dinosaur by Casey Lyall

September is National Chicken Month! Check out this laugh-out-loud picture book about farmyards, self-esteem, and evolution for fans of *Interrupting Chicken* and *Are You a Cheeseburger?*



Spanish Is the Language of My Family by Michael Genhart

September 15th marks the start of National Hispanic Heritage month. Check out this story of family ties, cultural pride, and the spelling bee!



All the Ways We Learn by Chloe Ito Ward

Not every child learns by sitting still and staying quiet. Some kids learn by tapping their feet, building, drawing, or making a joyful mess. However they learn, all kids deserve to feel proud of and confident in themselves!



Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn by Kenard Pak

September 22nd is the first day of fall! Celebrate the changing of the seasons with this poetic read. As trees sway in the cool breeze, blue jays head south, and leaves change their colors, everyone knows--autumn is on its way!

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



6 Reading

It's Read a Book Day. Grab a favorite story, a blanket, and enjoy a book picnic outside or on the living room floor.

7 Songs

It's Labor Day. Ask your child what they want to be when they grow up and why. Sing along to the Super Simple Songs video "When I Grow Up."

8 Rhymes

Poet Jack Prelutsky was born on this day. Read his most famous poem *Be Glad Your Nose Is on Your Face* and point out the rhyming words.

9 Writing

Create fall word cards. Write simple words like leaf, apple, tree, and pumpkin. Have your child trace the words.

10 Play

Be a chef with your child! Use leaves, acorns, and pinecones as ingredients to create pretend dishes. Give each one a fun name.

11 Science

Have your child test the wind! Toss a leaf into the air and observe how the wind moves it. Which direction does it travel?

12 Stories

Ask your child to make up a story about a squirrel family prepping for winter.

13 Math

Mix up pairs of colorful gloves and mittens. Ask your child to count and match them.

14 Sounds

On this day in 1959, the first spacecraft reached the moon. Say "moon" and "rocket." Ask your child what sound they hear at the beginning of each word.

15 Songs

Sing the ABCs together. Then sing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." Ask your child to pay attention to how the tunes are similar.

16 Science

It's Collect Rocks Day. Ask your child to find some rocks and talk about how they're similar or different.

17 Stories

Tell your child a story about your first day of school.

18 Play

It's Yoga Awareness Month. Try rainbow breathing with your child. Reach your arms overhead to "draw" a rainbow. Take a deep breath in. Lower your arms slowly while breathing out.

19 Reading

Read *Breathe Like a Bear* by Kira Willey with your child or watch the author read it aloud on YouTube (@BrightlyStorytime).

20 Rhymes

Point to an object and ask your child to name that object and a word that rhymes with it.

21 Writing

Help your child draw fall foods like apples, pumpkins, and pears.

22 Sounds

Talk about the sounds of the season: crunching leaves, chattering squirrels, gusting wind, and more.

23 Math

Autumn begins! Ask your child to gather fall treasures. Find one acorn, two pinecones, and three leaves. Count them together.

24 Reading

On Punctuation Day, share the book *Punctuation Celebration* by Elsa Bruno and Jenny Whitehead.

25 Songs

It's Dog Week. Bark along with your child to the tune of their favorite song.

26 Play

The Harvest Moon peaks today! Go on an astronaut moon walk with your child, taking slow, giant steps across the backyard or living room.

27 Rhymes

Leaves are falling. Ask your child to name words that rhyme with "take."

28 Writing

Have your child practice writing the letter "S" for September. Together, think of words that begin with "S."

29 Sounds

For World Heart Day, have your child listen to your heartbeat. Can she hear the thump-thump or the lub-dub?

30 Math

It's getting colder. Look up today's temperature with your child. Was it higher or lower than yesterday? By how much?

Help your child get ready to learn to read!

Each day features a fun activity that will help your child build pre-reading skills. Activities are color-coded by skill. Ask your children's librarian for more ideas on how to promote early literacy skills with daily activities at home.



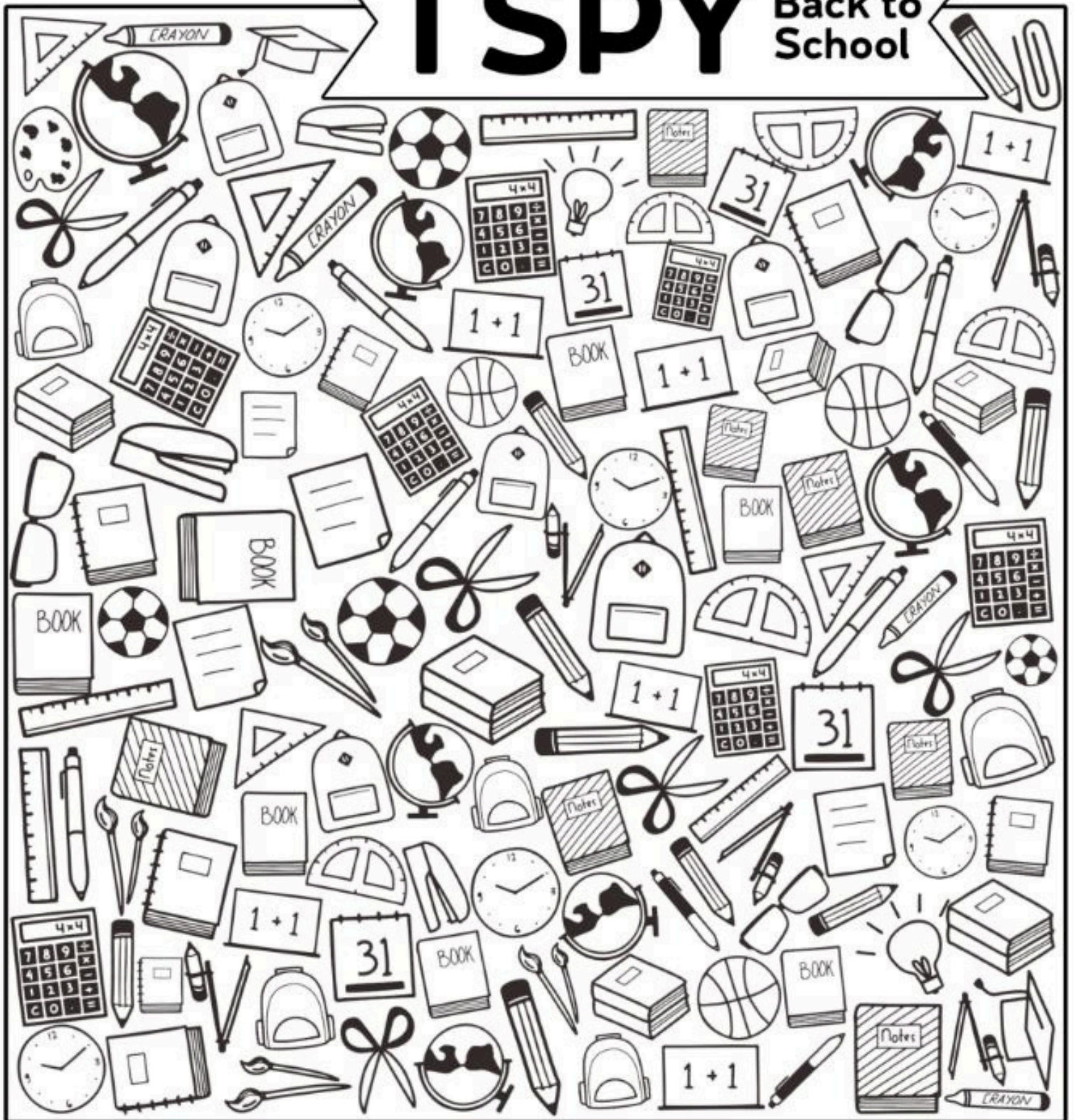
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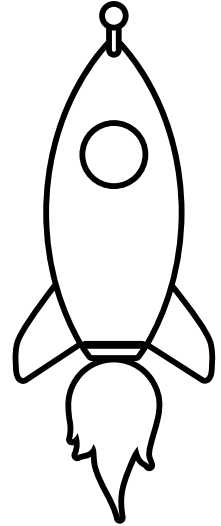


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All About Me

BACK TO SCHOOL

My backpack color is:



My teacher's name is:

Self Portrait:

My favorite
subject is:

