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Suggested List of Mathematical Language

Prekindergarten

Problem Solving

act out compare explain explore problem

Reasoning and Proof

about almost guess

Communication

draw explain idea organize question share

Connections

above after all before below numeral

Representation

design show

Number Sense and Operations add count

equal first

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group how many last more/most plus some together **Algebra** next pattern

Geometry

alike circle inside match same shape size square triangle

Measurement

big/bigger/biggest calendar day large/larger/largest long/longer/longest match measure night small/smaller/smallest tall/taller/tallest

Statistics and Probability attribute chart

color (as an attribute) different graph pictograph sort

Topic: Number Sense and Operations

Essential Questions: What do numbers mean?

Performance Indicators	Guided Questions	Essential Knowledge & Skills	Classroom Ideas	Assessment Ideas
			(Instructional Strategies)	(Evidence of
				Learning)
PK.N.1	How do I count?	Count the items in a collection	Drawing sets	Teacher
PK.N.2	How do I draw to show	and know the last counting word	Creating sets	observation
PK.N.3	how many?	tells how many items are in the	Using manipulatives to	Student portfolio
PK.N.4	What are numbers?	collection.	represent numbers	
PK.N.5	How do I know what is	Count out a collection of a	Counting calendar	
PK.N.6	first?	specified size (1-10).	Counting songs	
PK.N.7	How do I know what is	Verbally count by 1's to 10	Counting games	
PK.N.8	last?	Explore the different	Counting centers	
PK.N.9	How can I show more?	representations of a group of	Creating numerals with various	
	How can I show less?	objects.	mediums	
		Draw picture or other informal	Daily routine (line, schedule)	
		symbols to represent a spoken		
		number up to 5.		
		Draw pictures or other informal		
		symbols to represent how many		
		in a collection up to 5.		
		Recognize numerals 0-5.		
		Use and understand the terms		
		first and last.		
		Develop addition and subtraction		
		readiness with sums up to 4 and		
		subtraction involving 1-4 items		
		using manipulatives.		

Connections to Text (Resources)	5 Little Monkeys, 5 Green and Speckled Frogs	
Time: On-going		
Connections to Technology: Computer Lab, various websites		
Key Vocabulary: Act out, zero, one, two, three, four, five, add, plus, more, first, last, number, calendar, chart		

Topic: Problem Solving

Performance Indicators	Guided Questions	Essential Knowledge & Skills	Classroom Ideas	Assessment Ideas
			(Instructional Strategies)	(Evidence of
			_	Learning)
PK.PS.1	How do I explore a problem?	Explore, examine, and make	Drawing sets	Teacher observation
PK.PS.2	How do I act out a problem?	observations about a social problem	Creating sets	Student portfolio
PK.PS.3	How can I count to solve a	or mathematical situation.	Using manipulatives to represent	
PK.PS.4	problem?	Interpret information correctly,	numbers and problems	
PK.PS.5	How do I use manipulatives to	identify the problem, and generate	Counting games	
PK.PS.6	explain a problem?	possible solutions.	Counting centers	
PK.PS.7	How can I draw a picture to	Act out or model with	Daily routine (line, schedule)	
PK.PS.8	design a problem?	manipulatives, activities involving	Teacher directed discussion	
PK.PS.9		mathematical content from literature		
PK.PS.10		and/or story telling		
		Formulate problems and solutions		
		from everyday situations		
		Use informal counting strategies to		
		find solutions		
		Experience teacher-directed		
		questioning process to understand		
		problems		
		Compare and discuss ideas for		
		solving a problem with teacher		
		and/or students to justify their		
		thinking		
		Use manipulatives to model action		
		and problems		
		Use drawings/pictures to model the		
		action in problems		
		Explain to others how a problem		
		was solved giving strategies		

Connections to Text (Resources) Various trade books	Time: On-going
Connections to Technology: Computer Lab, various websites	
Key Vocabulary: Act out, explain, organize, explore, problem, design, show	

Topic: Reasoning and Proof

Performance Indicators	Guided Questions	Essential Knowledge & Skills	Classroom Ideas (Instructional Strategies)	Assessment Ideas (Evidence of
				Learning)
PK.RP.1 PK.RP.2 PK.RP.3 PK.RP.4	How do I tell if something is true or false? What is a guess? How do I guess? How do I listen to others?	Understand that mathematical statements can be true or false Investigate the use of knowledgeable guessing as a mathematical tool Explore guesses using a variety of objects and manipulatives Listen to claims other students make	Using manipulatives to show something is true or false Calendar Songs Games Centers Daily routine	Teacher observation Student portfolio

Connections to Text (Resource)	Time: On-going
Connections to Technology: Computer Lab, various websites	
Key Vocabulary: Guess, explain, question, share, idea, show	

Topic: Communication

Performance Indicators	Guided Questions	Essential Knowledge & Skills	Classroom Ideas (Instructional Strategies)	Assessment Ideas (Evidence of Learning)
PK.CM.1 PK.CM.2 PK.CM.3 PK.CM.4 PK.CM.5	How do I share my ideas? How do I show my ideas? How can I listen?	Understand how to organize their thought processes with teacher guidance Share mathematical ideas through the manipulation of objects, drawings, pictures and verbal explanations Listen to solutions shared by other students Formulate mathematically relevant questions with teacher guidance Use appropriate mathematical terms, vocabulary, and language	Using manipulatives Counting calendar Counting songs Counting games Counting centers Daily routine Large group time Story telling	Teacher observation

Connections to Text (Resources)	Time: On-going
Connections to Technology: Computer Lab, various websites	
Key Vocabulary: Explore, explain, organize, show, question, share	

Topic: Connections

Essential Questions:

Performance Indicators	Guided Questions	Essential Knowledge & Skills	Classroom Ideas (Instructional Strategies)	Assessment Ideas (Evidence of Learning)
PK.CN.2 PK.CN.3	How can I use math?	Recognize the presence of mathematics in their daily lives Use counting strategies to solve problems in their daily lives Recognize and apply mathematics to objects and pictures	Drawing sets Creating sets Using manipulatives to represent numbers Calendar Songs Games Centers Creating numerals with various mediums Daily routine	Teacher observation Student portfolio

Connections to Text (Resources)	Time: On-going	
Connections to Technology: Computer	Lab, various websites	
Key Vocabulary: Explain, compare, explore, show, about, ideas, question, share, group		

Topic: Representation

Essential Questions:

Performance Indicators	Guided Questions	Essential Knowledge & Skills	Classroom Ideas (Instructional Strategies)	Assessment Ideas (Evidence of
PK.R.1 PK.R.2 PK.R.3 PK.R.4 PK.R.5	How do I act out a problem? How do I draw a problem? How do I show a problem?	Use multiple representation including verbal language, acting out or modeling a situation, and drawing pictures as representations Use standard and non-standard representations Use objects to show and understand physical phenomena Use objects to show and understand social phenomena Use objects to show and understand phenomena	Drawing sets Creating sets Dividing sets Using manipulatives to represent numbers Calendar Games Math centers Creating numerals with various mediums Daily routine	Teacher observation Student portfolio

Connections to Text (Resources)	Time: On-going	
Connections to Technology: Computer	Lab, various websites	
Key Vocabulary: Draw, design, show, organize, share, explain, explore, act out, graph, sort, color		

Topic: Algebra

Essential Questions:

Performance Indicators	Guided Questions	Essential Knowledge & Skills	Classroom Ideas (Instructional Strategies)	Assessment Ideas (Evidence of Learning)
PK.A.1	How do I show patterns?	Duplicate simple patterns using concrete objects	Drawing patterns Copying patterns Using manipulatives to represent numbers Calendar Games Centers	Teacher observation Student portfolio

Connections to Text (Resources)	Time: On-going
Connections to Technology: Computer	Lab, various websites
Key Vocabulary: Next, pattern	

Topic: Geometry

Performance Indicators	Guided Questions	Essential Knowledge & Skills	Classroom Ideas	Assessment Ideas
			(Instructional Strategies)	(Evidence of
				Learning)
PK.G.1	How are shapes the same?	Match shapes, first with same	Manipulatives	Teacher
PK.G.2	How are shapes different?	size and orientation, then with	Block Center	observation
	How do I play with shapes?	different sizes and orientation	Lego building	Student portfolio
		Informally play with solids	Shape Journals	_
			Shape games (Hokey Pokey)	
			Patterning Activities	
			Shape Safari (I Spy)	
			Shape Skill Packets	
			Lacing Cards	
			Matching Games	
			File Folder Games	
			Shape Building (parquetry,	
			pattern blocks)	
			Finger Painting	
			Easel Painting	
			Stencils	
			Stellells	
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Connections to Text (Resources) Shape Big Books; Bean Bag Songs	Time: On-going	
Connections to Technology: Computer Lab, various websites		
Key Vocabulary: alike, circle, same, inside, match, shape, size, square, tri	angle	

Topic: Measurement

Performance Indicators	Guided Questions	Essential Knowledge & Skills	Classroom Ideas (Instructional Strategies)	Assessment Ideas (Evidence of Learning)
PK.M.1 PK.M.2	How is something bigger? How is something longer? How is something taller? How can I tell day from night?	Develop language such as bigger, longer, and taller to discuss length Relate specific times such as day and night	Weather Chart Block Measurement Center Literacy: Books Three Bear Counters Sorting Activities Sequencing Cards File Folder Games Comparing objects – What is bigger? Longer? Taller? Growth Chart Growth Chart Journal Calendar	Teacher observation Student portfolio

Connections to Text (Resources) Zach's Alligator; Stellaluna; Kissing	Hand; Time: On-going
Connections to Technology: Computer Lab, various websites	
Key Vocabulary: big, bigger, biggest, calendar, day, large, larger. Larg	est, long, longer, longest, match, measure, night, small, smaller, smallest, tall,
taller, tallest	

Topic: Statistics and Probability

Performance Indicators	Guided Questions	Essential Knowledge & Skills	Classroom Ideas (Instructional Strategies)	Assessment Ideas (Evidence of
				Learning)
PK.S.1 PK.S.2 PK.S.3 PK.S.4	How do I sort? How are things the same color? How are things the same shape? How are things the same size? How do I graph? How do I graph? How do I know if a group has more or less?	Sort and organize objects by one attribute Use physical objects to make graphs Count and compare groups formed Describe the attributes of objects	Weather Chart File Folders Graphing Activities Sorting Trays Manipulative Sorting Color UNO Student Sorting (Letters in Name, ex.) Calendar Snack Sorting Show and Tell Sorting Shape Builders Kitchen Center Perfection CandyLand	Teacher observation Student portfolio

Connections to Text (Resources) Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Brown Bear, Brown Bear, Shape Big Books Time: On-going	
Connections to Technology: Computer Lab, various websites	
Key Vocabulary: attribute, chart, color, different, graph, sort	

Topic: Representation

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Topic: Problem Solving Essential Questions: How Do I Solve Problems?

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Topic: Reasoning and Proof

Essential Questions:

How do I solve problems?

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