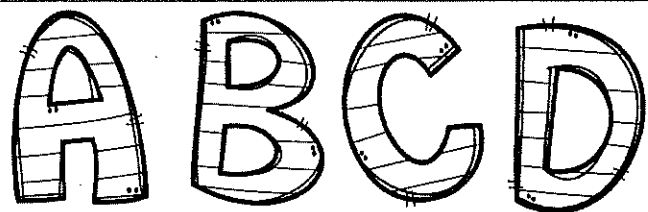


Learning about Letters At Home

Give your child MANY opportunities to explore letters!

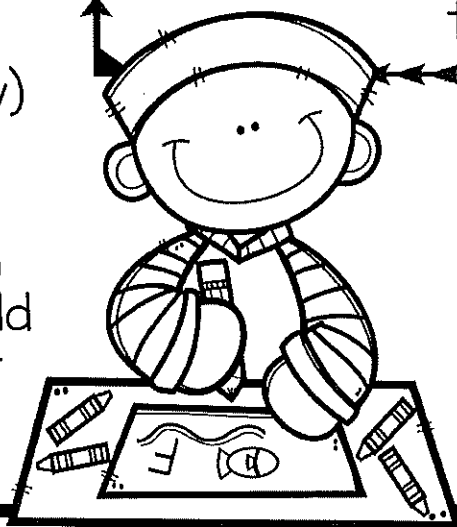


Things to Remember

- Learning about letters should be fun!
- Hands on experiences make the most impact.
- There are 26 letters (52 if you count uppercase and lowercase separately) in the alphabet. That's a lot of letters to learn.
- Start with the letters in your child's name and build from there. Go slowly. It will take time.

A Child's NAME

It is very likely that the first letter a child will learn is the first letter in his/her name. The next letters he/she will likely learn are the rest of the letters in his/her name and other important words such as mom and dad. Do activities with only the letters in your child's name and build from there!



Starfall is a fun, interactive website and app to help your child learn his/her letters.
www.starfall.com

Notice Letters Everywhere

The more you notice letters the more a child's curiosity about letters builds! It will make a HUGE difference! It is so exciting when your child begins noticing letters and starts asking you about the letters!

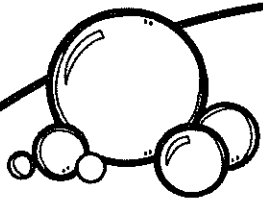
Go on a letter hunt around your home. Notice and talk about the letters you see!

When you are out in the community or in the car, notice the letters on signs, menus, ads, and labels.

Get magnet letters for the refrigerator. Start with just the letters in their name and SLOWLY add more and more letters.

FUN ACTIVITIES TO TRY

- Go outside and make letters with chalk. Erase/trace the chalk with a wet paint brush.
- Make Lego or block letters. Write letters or add letter stickers on the sides of your child's legos and/or blocks. As they build, they can notice, talk about, and learn their letters.
- Go to the library and check out a few alphabet books. Notice and compare what the letters represent in each book.
- Make a name or word collage. Write a word or their name on a piece of paper. Have your child place stickers, dots, tissue paper, beads, etc. on top of the letters you made.
- Make letters with playdoh. First, roll the playdoh into rolls (snakes). Use the rolls to form the letters. You can also use letter cookie cutters!
- Play letters hide and seek! Take your magnet letters and hide them around the room and then find them! Put the letters in order at the end to make sure you have found all the letters!
- Sensory letters! Sprinkle salt, flour, or oatmeal onto a cookie sheet. Your child can use a finger to make letters. Gently shake the tray to erase so you can make more.
- Make a letter collage. Get a magazine or a store ad. Have your child cut out the letters they find. Glue the letters all over the page randomly. Glue matching letters next to each other. Put them in ABC order, or make words with the letters.



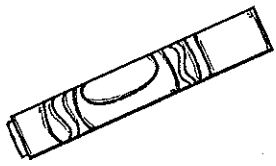
In the Tub

Bath time can be a fun time to learn about and make letters.

- Get foam letters for the tub. Start with the letters in their name and gradually add more SLOWLY.
- Lather shaving cream on the tub wall and practice making letters in the shaving cream.

MAKE LETTERS PART OF
YOUR CHILD'S DAY! TALK,
NOTICE, AND EXPLORE
LETTERS EVERY DAY!



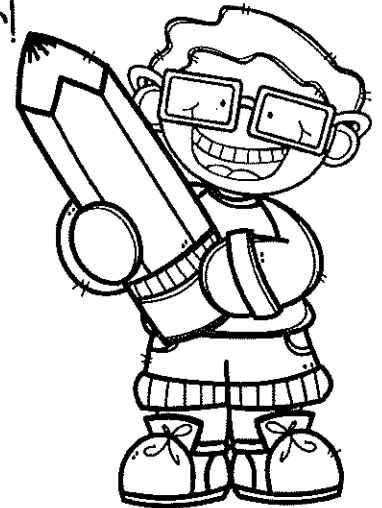


Writing at Home

Help your child LOVE drawing and writing. Build your child's confidence and encourage him/her along the road to becoming a confident writer!

Things to Remember

- Writing should be fun and stress free!
- Allow your child to draw and write at his/her level. Every child starts by scribbling. Scribbling is a way for a child to put his/her thoughts on paper in a way that makes sense to him/her.
- Let your child know you value what he/she "writes". Read it, hang it up, or take the list with you to the store.
- The pictures are just as important as the words! Encourage your child to draw about his/her writing!
- Use a variety of tools to write with to make writing fun! You can use pencils, pens, markers, and crayons.

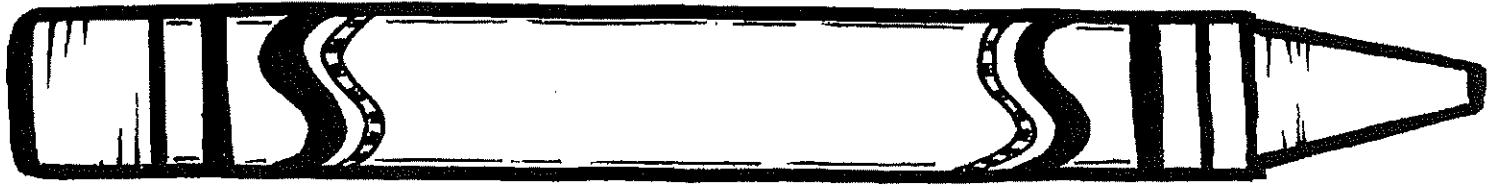


**HELP YOUR
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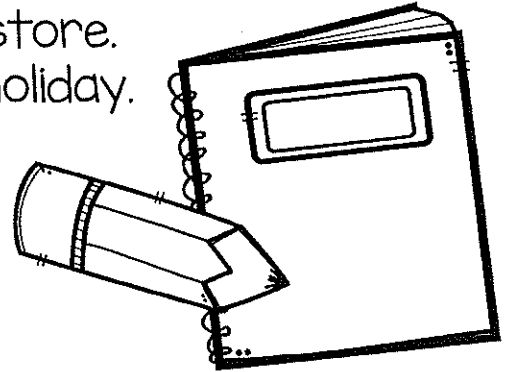
Building a Writer

- Encourage your child to write letters, draw shapes/pictures, and various types of lines.
- Help your child sound out words.
- Make word cards with pictures for your child to copy.
- Notice when words rhyme and brainstorm more rhyming words.
- Notice beginning and ending sounds in words.
- Clap how many syllables a word has.
- Let your child see YOU writing in your daily life!



CREATING PURPOSEFUL REASONS TO DRAW AND WRITE

- Make a shopping list before going to the store.
- Make a card for someone's birthday or holiday.
- Create a thank you card.
- Write a note to remember something.
- Make a "To Do" list.
- Make a "wish list".
- Write a letter to someone special.
- Create a book about a memory, special event, or holiday.
- Put a message board in the kitchen and write silly messages to each other.
- Make a sign for each person's door in your house.
- Make fun post-it notes and hide them all over your home.
- Make lunchbox notes for siblings.
- Make or buy a journal for your child to write and draw all his/her thoughts, ideas, feelings, and important/daily events in.
- Make a menu for dinner or a special occasion.
- Make a poster.



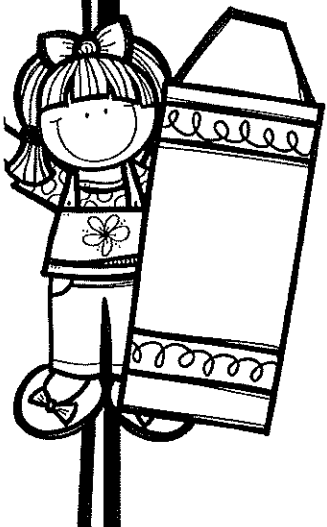
Make a Writing Basket+

Find a basket and fill it with fun tools your child can use for writing!

Here are some ideas of things you can add:

Crayons
Pencils
Markers
Note Pads
Stationary Paper
Construction Paper
Post-It Notes
Envelopes
Glitter Glue

Stapler
Scissors
Glue
Stickers
Tape
Stencils
Word Cards
Letter Cards
Letter Charts



Math at Home

Children develop positive feelings about math when they have fun math experiences at home with their family!



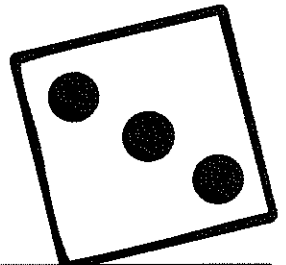
Things to Remember

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- Exploring math should be fun!
- Allow your child to count, read numbers, explore shapes, create patterns, and measure at his/her own individual level.
- Every child learns differently. That is what makes your child unique!
- Give hints, not answers.
- Celebrate and praise ALL math discoveries!

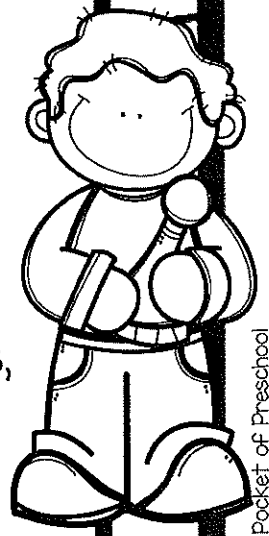
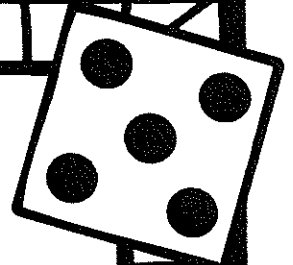


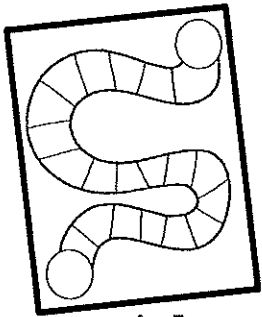
SHOW YOUR
CHILD HOW
YOU USE
MATH
EVERY DAY!



Fun Activities to Try

- ★ Count as you walk, jump, skip, march, or go up the stairs. Do one movement for each number.
- ★ Read counting books. Notice the number and count the objects as you read!
- ★ Make numbers and shapes with playdoh. First roll the playdoh into rolls (snakes). Use the rolls to form numbers and shapes.
- ★ Sort the laundry by color or clothing categories. Count the number of items in each pile. Which pile has the most/least?
- ★ Go on a shape hunt (inside or outside). Talk about the shapes. Feel and count the sides and/or corners.
- ★ Find markers that are the same size. Using markers, measure how many markers tall each person is in your family is by lining up the markers next to them.





Commercial Games That Incorporate Math

Candyland, Hi Ho Cherry-O, Trouble, Counting Cookies, Uno, Chutes and Ladders, Hungry Hungry Hippos, Cootie, The Sneaky Squirrel, The Ladybug Game, Barrel of Monkeys, Jenga, and puzzles

Using Hands on Materials at Home

Here is a list of math tools and items you may have at home that are great for exploring math! Be creative and have fun!

Just explore the materials or make up your own game!

EXPLORE COUNTING

- Coins, buttons, cotton balls
- Beans or uncooked pasta
- Small plastic animals
- Popsicle sticks
- Rocks or sea shells
- Cereal or small snacks
- Cupcake pans and egg cartons to count items in

EXPLORE SORTING

- Sort various items: coins, buttons, rocks, sea shells, seeds, blocks, lids, screws, nuts, bolts, cars, animals, blocks, and/or doll accessories
- Make collections of items to sort and treasure

EXPLORING PATTERNS

- Find patterns on clothing, wrapping paper, etc.
- Copy and/or make patterns using various items (buttons, lids, silverware)

EXPLORE MEASURING

- Measuring cups and/or spoons
- Various size bowls or containers
- Materials to measure and scoop such as water, sand, noodles, or cotton balls
- Measure by repeating an item such as blocks or cups
- Tape measures and rulers
- Scales
- Timers

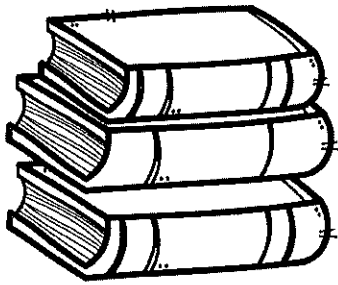
EXPLORE SHAPES

- Build, create, and sort blocks and buttons

OTHER FUN MATH ITEMS

- Dice
- Cards
- Puzzles
- White board and markers
- Magnet numbers
- Chalk
- Maps





Reading at Home

Reading at home will make a **HUGE** difference in your child's school success! Make reading part of your everyday routine. Choose books that match your child's interests.

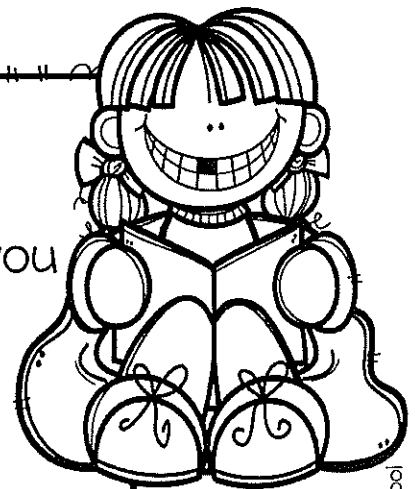
READING FOR JUST 10 - 15 MINUTES A DAY WILL BENEFIT YOUR CHILD!

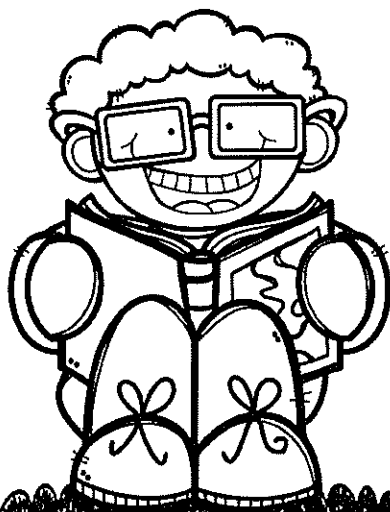
Telling, Re-telling, and Understanding

- Before reading, make predictions and ask questions. What is the story going to be about?
- Talk about new words and their meaning.
- Make connections to his/her life, other books, and/or movies/TV. What does this remind you of (another book, something that happened to them, a place, a TV show)?
- Talk, comment, and ask questions about the characters and setting as you read the book. How does the character feel? Where is the character at the beginning/middle/end of the book?
- After you read the book, have your child retell you the story in order.
- Act out the story! Make different voices for each character. Use props and have fun!
- Have your child "read" the book (your child will make up the words that may or may not match the text and use the pictures as a guide).

Building a Reader

- ★ Have your child turn the pages.
- ★ Encourage your child to fill in the rhymes as you read.
- ★ Notice patterns in the text and illustrations.
- ★ Have your child be the "reader" and read the pictures to you.
- ★ Notice and talk about letters and the sounds they make.
- ★ Help your child fall in LOVE with books!





YOU CAN
NEVER READ
A BOOK TOO
MANY
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EACH TIME
YOUR CHILD
READS A
BOOK
AGAIN,
HE/SHE
GAINS NEW
KNOWLEDGE
AND BUILDS
FLUENCY!

Make a warm and cozy reading nook in your home with pillows, soft chairs, and/or stuffed animals.

Fill a basket with your child's favorite books, tablet, and/or magazines!

MAKE READING AN ADVENTURE

READ IN FUN PLACES

outside, inside, in the car, in the bathtub, in bed, on the couch, under the covers, under a tree, at the library, in a tent, or in a park

READ FUN WAYS

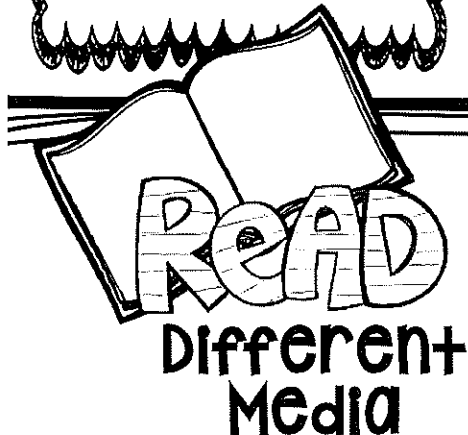
with a flashlight, in different voices, on the computer, act it out, by singing the words, in a whisper, to a stuffed animal, to a pet, or with props/puppets

READ DIFFERENT KINDS OF BOOKS

ABC, counting, fiction, non-fiction, big, small, long, short, rhyming, poetry, song, or fairy tales

READ ABOUT DIFFERENT THINGS

family, friends, feelings, school, holidays, sports, dance, food, birthdays, forest animals, polar animals, zoo animals, ocean animals, pets, dinosaurs, insects, construction, vehicles, plants, princesses, farms, science, seasons, weather, or various habitats



Books
Newspapers
Magazines
E books
Letters
Shopping Lists

Cards
Mail
Store Ads
Signs
Recipes
Comics

Fun Fine Motor at Home

Help your child develop the strength and motor control he/she needs to write and draw!

Things to Remember

Make it FUN and hands on! Children need **FREQUENT** opportunities and a variety of materials to develop their fine motor control as well as eye hand coordination.



QUICK Information

Fine motor development involves the use of small muscles of the body (hands and fingers). It is the ability to pick up small items, color with crayons, copy designs, string beads, cut with scissors, draw shapes, and write letters.

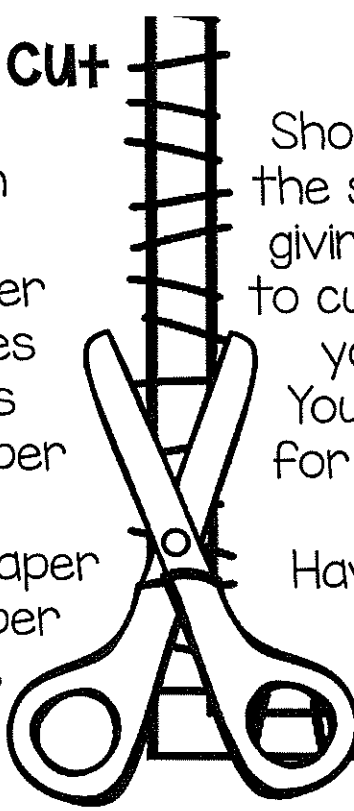
INCREASE CONTROL AND HAND STRENGTH

- Do a variety of puzzles.
- Tear paper and make a collage.
- Peel and stick stickers and/or tape to paper.
- Build or play with dominos.
- Color and write with broken crayons, short colored pencils, and thin markers.
- Offer tracing stencils or trace around objects.
- Build with small Legos or small wooden blocks.
- String beads, noodles, cereal using pipe cleaners or yarn.
- Play games or explore with tweezers or small tongs to pick up items such as cotton balls, marshmallows, cereal, pom poms, or small rocks. Commercial games that use tweezers are Bed Bugs, Thin Ice, and Crazy Octopus.
- Sprinkle salt, flour, or oatmeal onto a cookie sheet. Your child can use a finger to make lines, shapes, letters, and/or numbers. Gently shake the tray to erase.
- Paint with various types of brushes and on various surfaces (paper, foil, wax paper).
- Use hole punches, shape punches, and/or letter punches.



Items to Cut

Paper
Playdoh
Goop
Newspaper
Magazines
Coupons
Tissue Paper
Ribbon
Wrapping Paper
Fancy Paper
Leaves
Grass



Cutting

Show your child the correct way to hold the scissors, with the thumb up. Start by giving your child half inch strips of paper to cut. Gradually make the paper wider as your child's scissor skills strengthen.

You can draw thick black lines on paper for your child to cut along. Make simple shapes for your child to cut too!

Have your child make a collage with the items they cut out!



PLAYdoh & GOOP



There are endless activities your child can do with playdoh and goop! Roll the playdoh into balls or snakes, cut it with scissors, pinch off small pieces, or make a sculpture. Hide small objects (pennies or a small plastic animal) in the playdoh and then try to find it. Manipulate the playdoh to make pretend food. Get out a rolling pin and cookie cutters to make playdoh cookies! Make prints in the playdoh using buttons, toothpicks, popsicle sticks, small plastic animals, or sea shells.



Water Play

Water play can be a great time to incorporate fine motor fun! Add the items below and let the fun (and muscle building) begin!

- Eye droppers
- Turkey basters
- Bath squirters
- Spray bottles
- Sponges to squeeze
- Tongs and tweezers
- Containers with lids



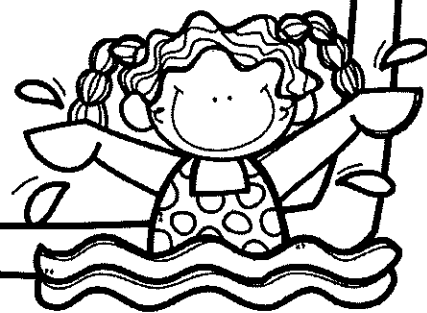
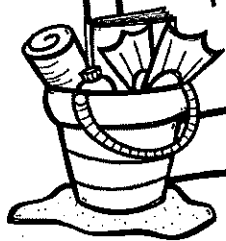
Dear Families,

Happy summer! Here is a summer journal to keep your child drawing and writing through the summer! Drawing and writing is a fun way for your child to express feelings and ideas. Journaling gives students the opportunity to practice writing their letters and to explore letter sounds!

Summer is full of exciting adventures that students can draw and write about. I also included some writing prompts if your child needs an idea to journal about. You can use the attached journal pages or a notebook you have at home for your child to journal in.

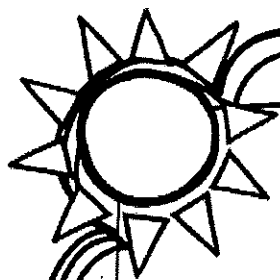
Help your child enjoy reading this summer! You can use the reading logs to track how many books you read and the summer reading chart to read various kinds of books in various ways!

Have a fun summer!



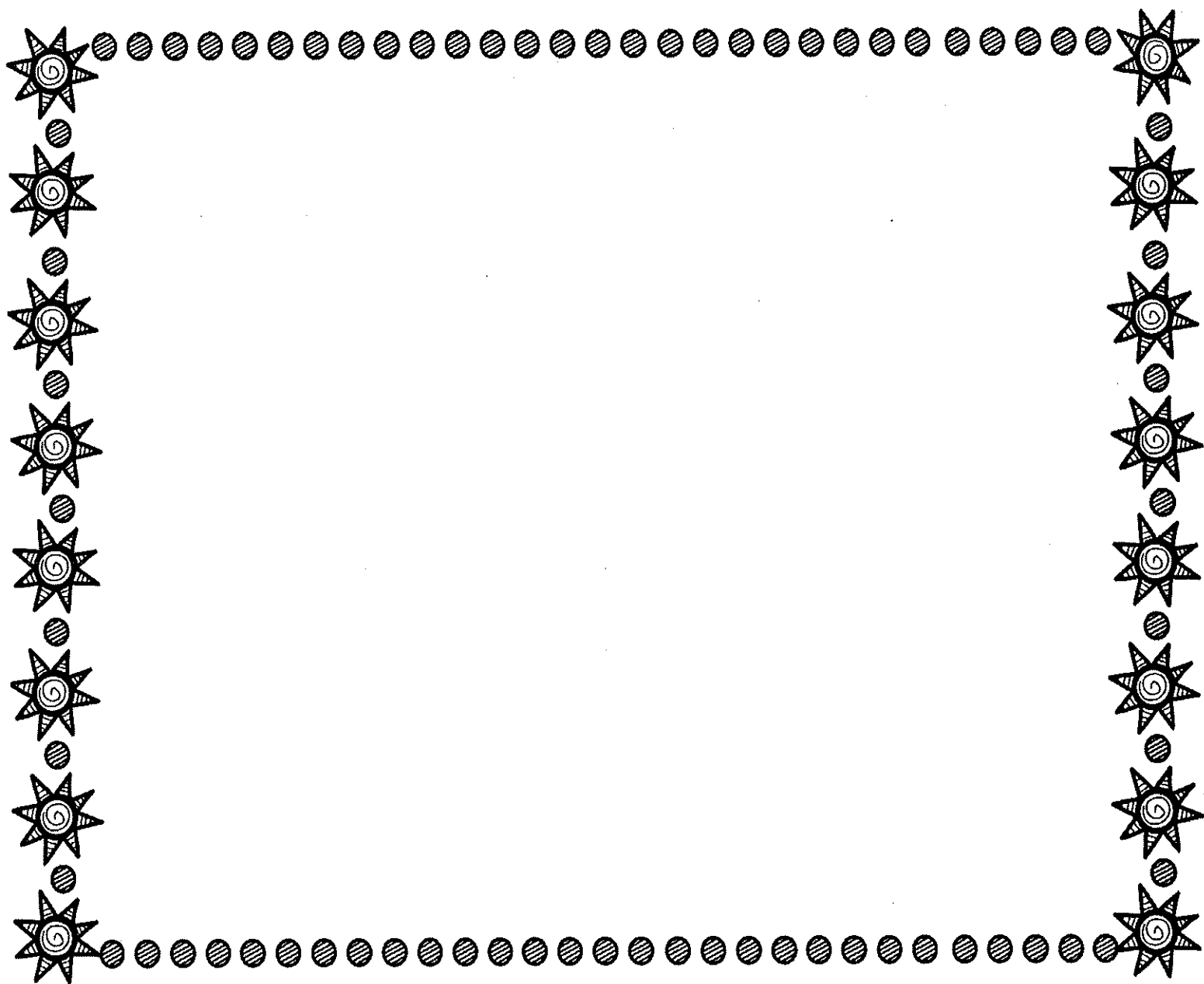
MY SUMMER JOURNAL

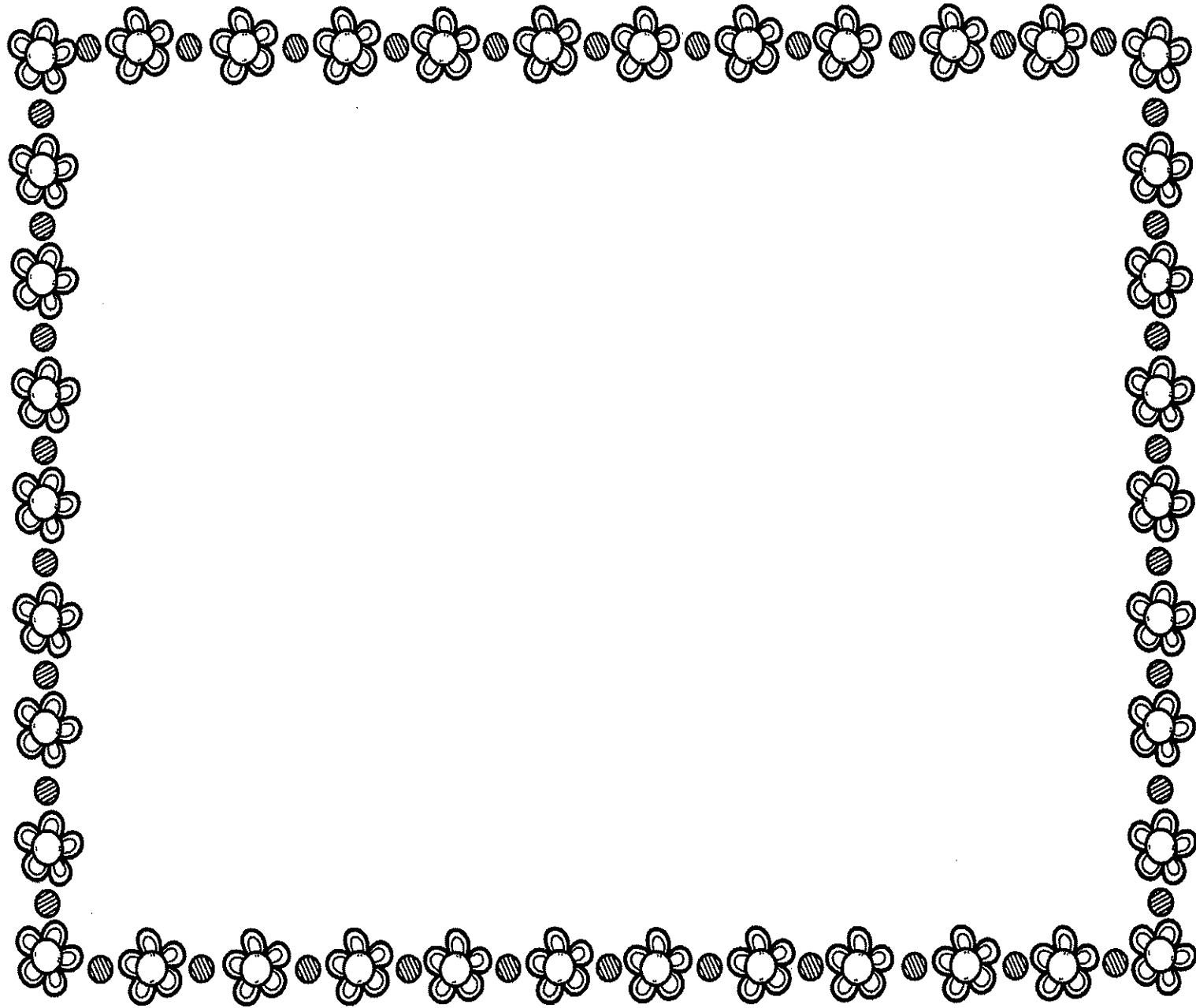


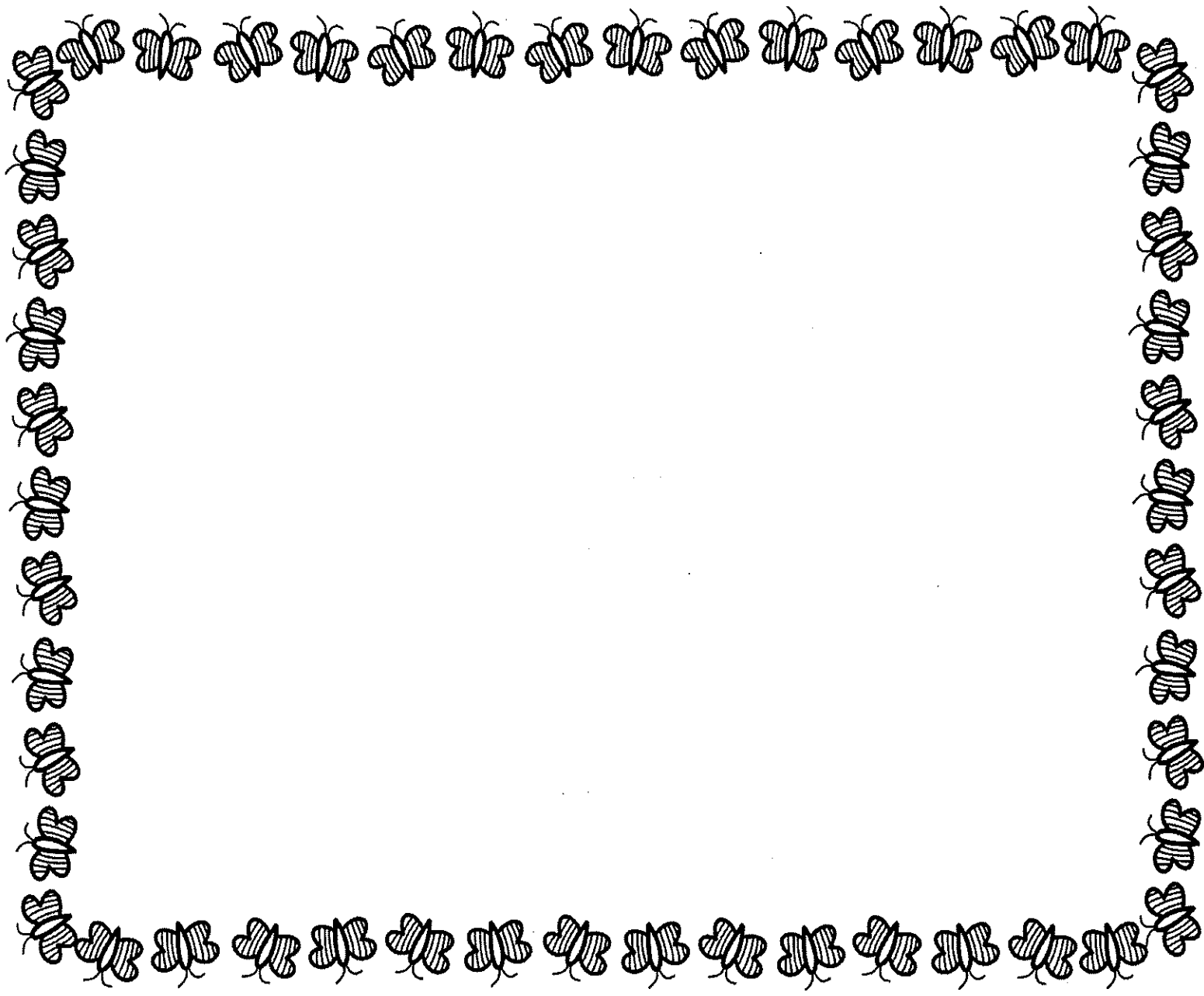


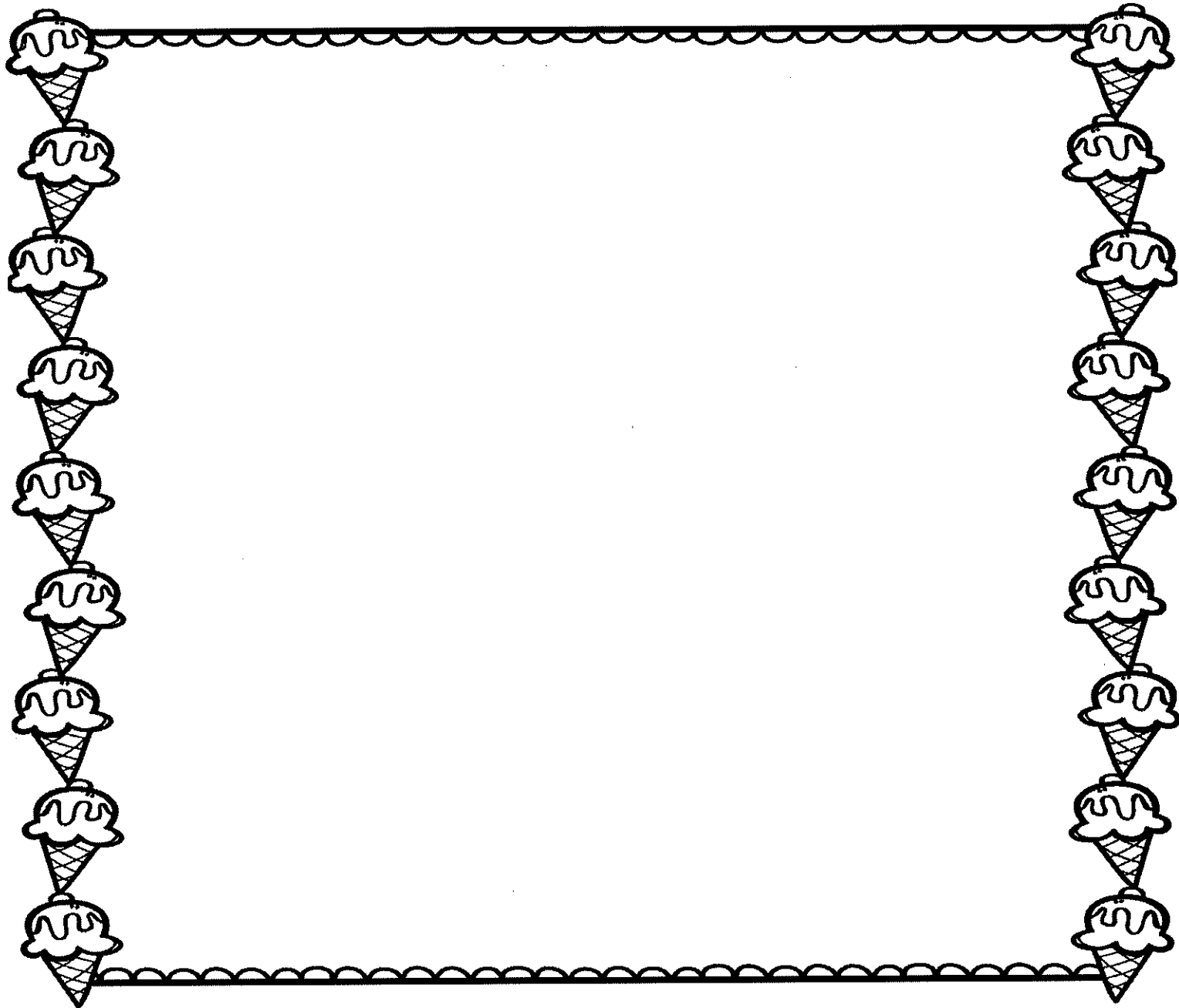
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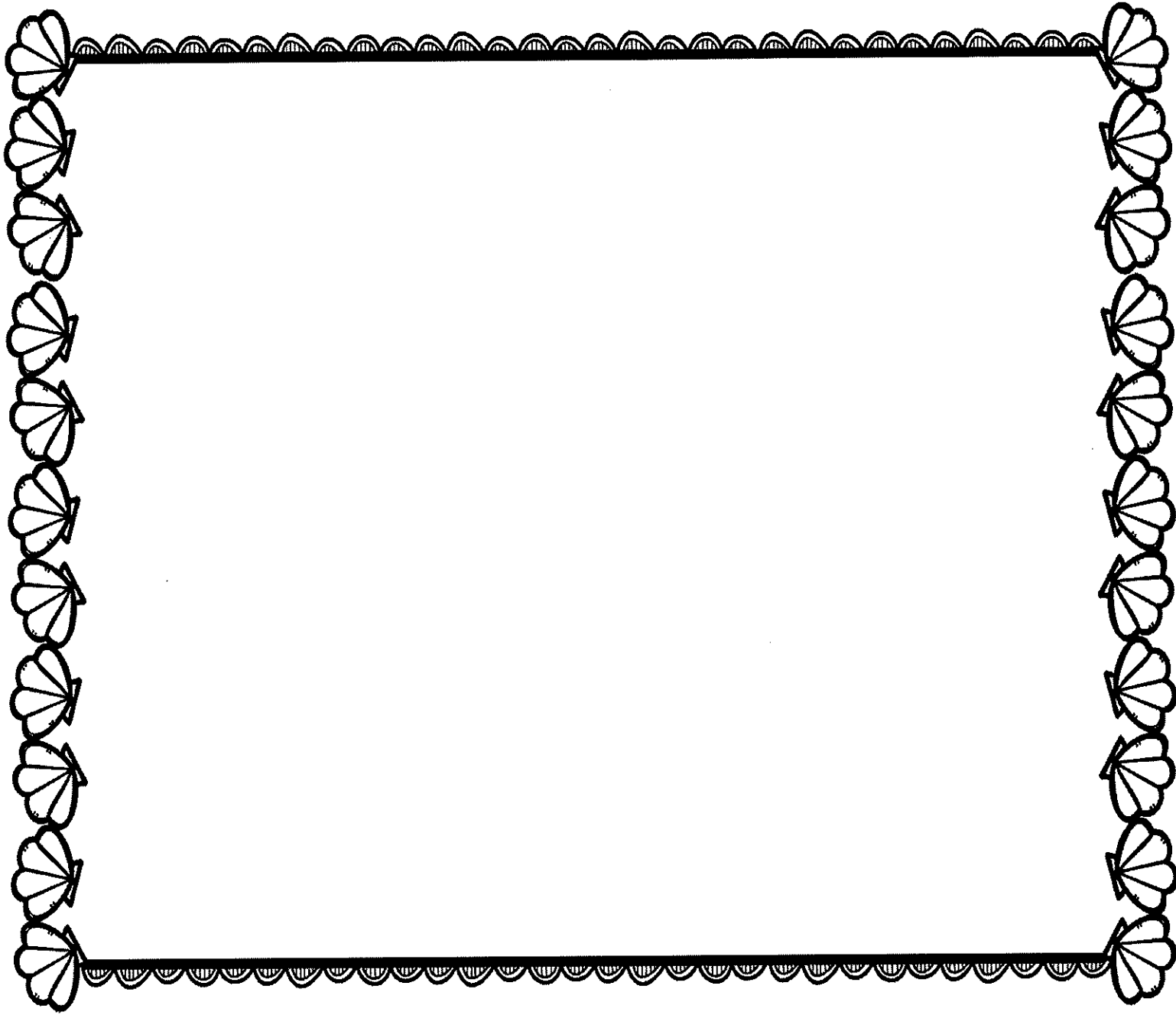
- What is your favorite season (fall, winter, spring, or summer)? Why?
- What is your favorite summer food?
- What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?
- What do you like to play in your backyard?
- What sports do you like to play?
- What is your favorite thing to do when it rains?
- If you could be a zoo animal, which animal would you be? Why?
- Who are the people in your family?
- What do you want to be when you grow up?
- Where do you want to travel to this summer?
- Who have you visited this summer and what did you do?
- Who are all the people you love?
- What is your favorite ocean animal? Why?
- What do you do on your favorite holiday?
- Where is your favorite place to read?
- Tell me all about your pets!
- Make a shopping list for your favorite store.
- What is your favorite thing to play?
- What are you good at?
- What do you like to eat?

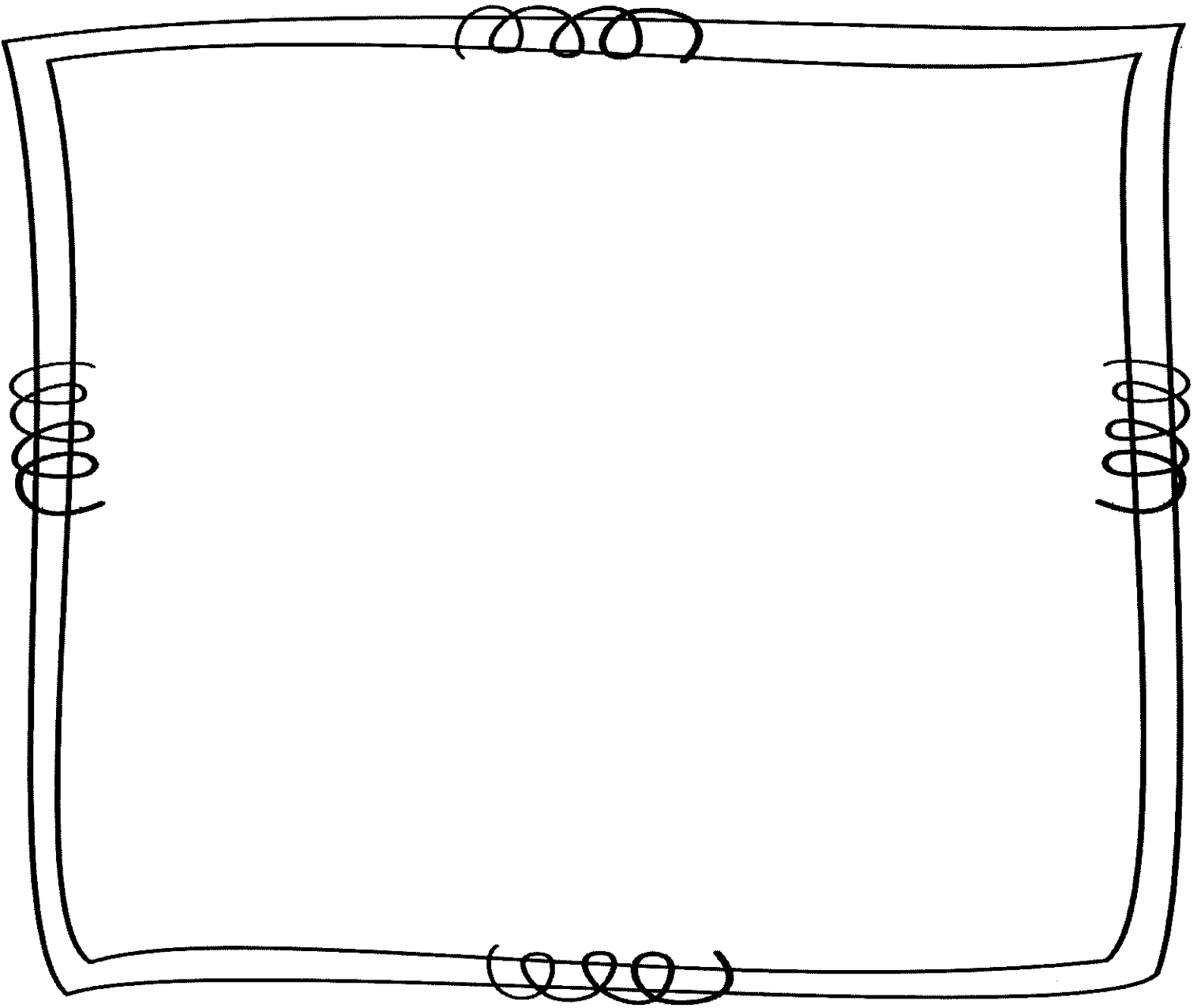


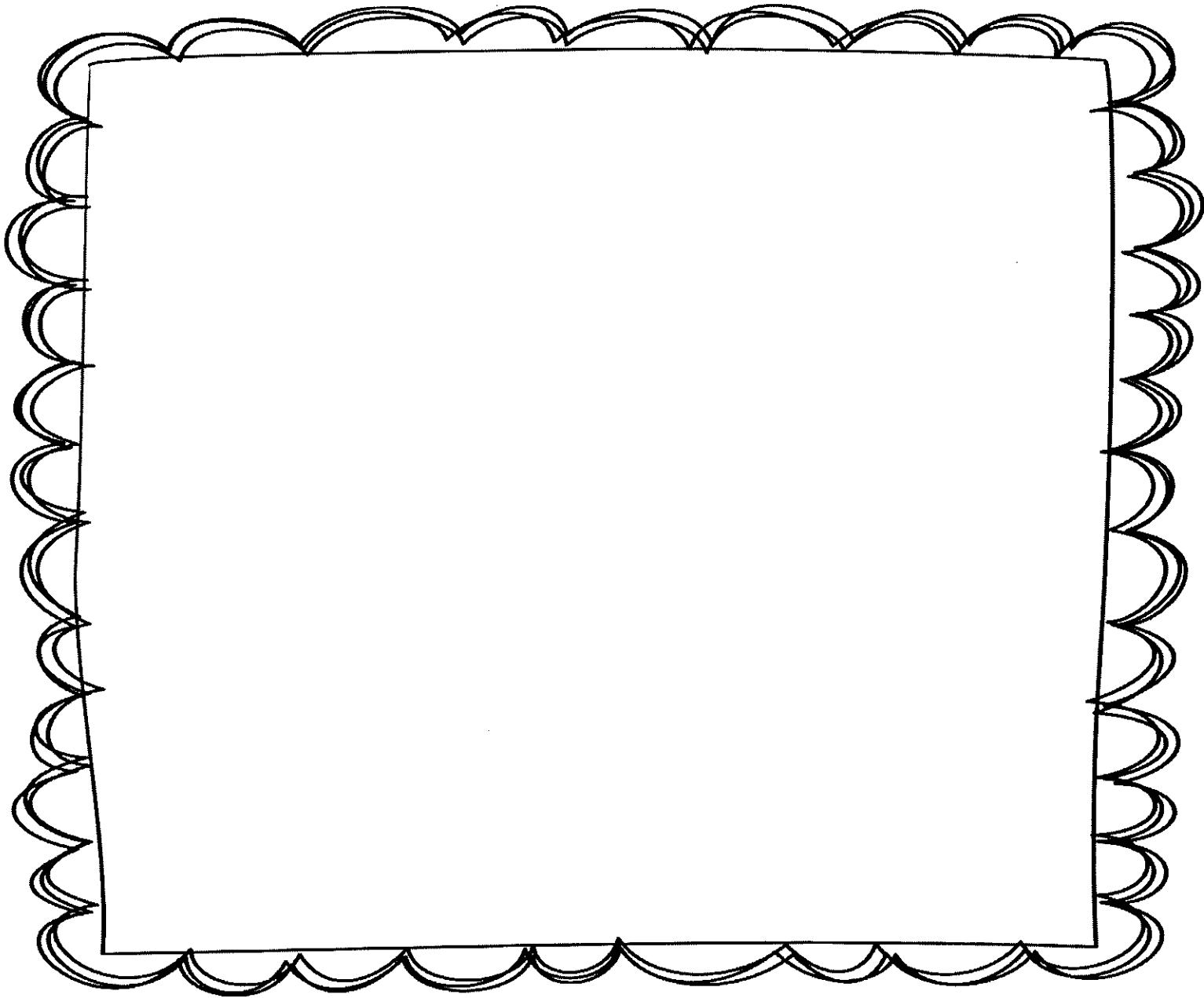


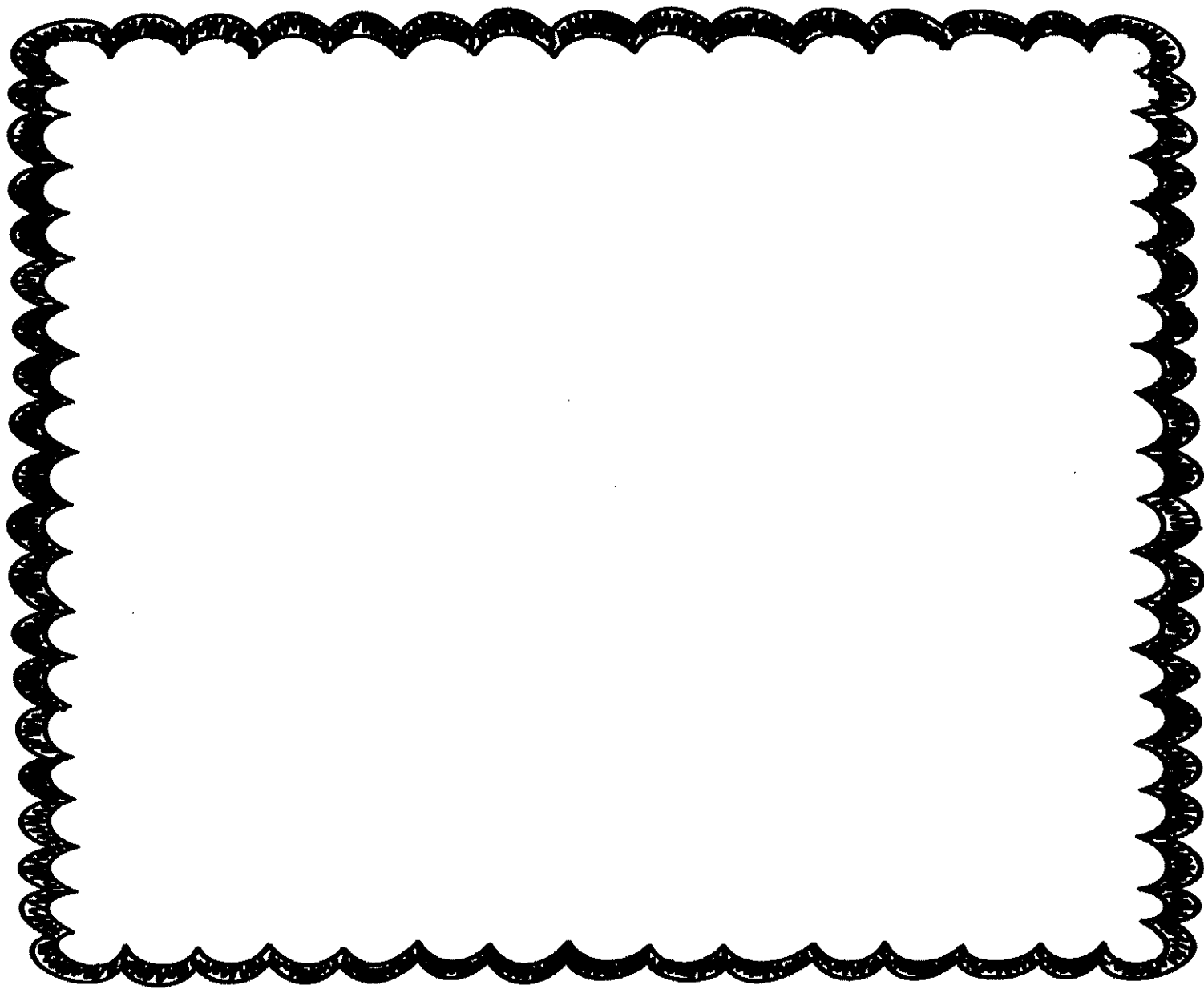






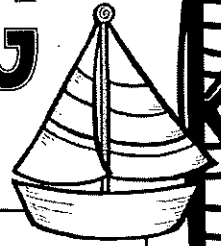




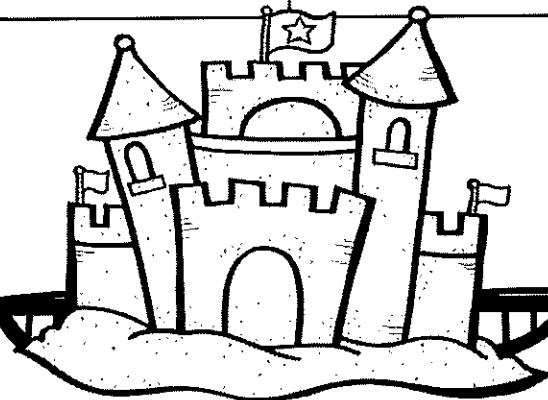


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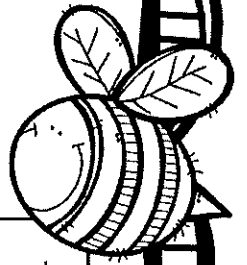
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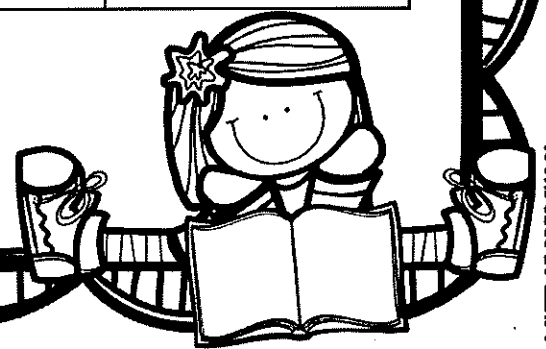
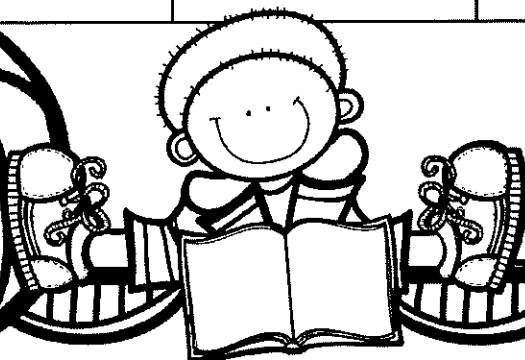
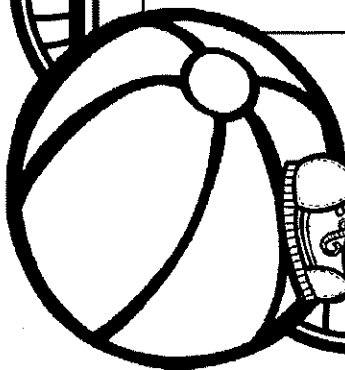
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read a book with a silly voice	read a book by Eric Carle	read a book about the ocean	read a book with a flashlight
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July SUMMER READING

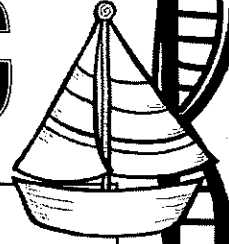


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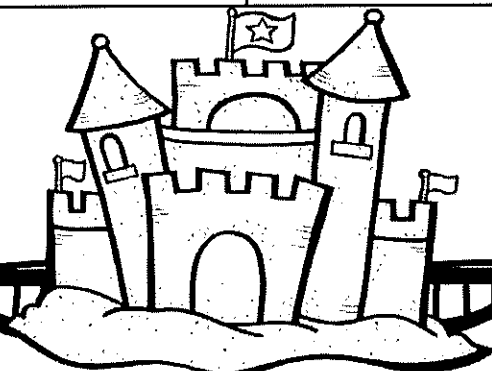


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SUMMER READING



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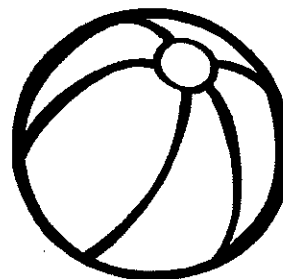
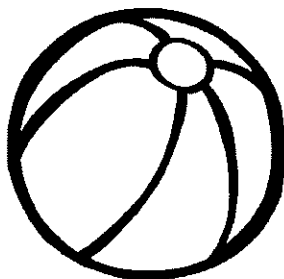
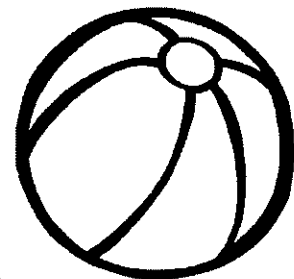
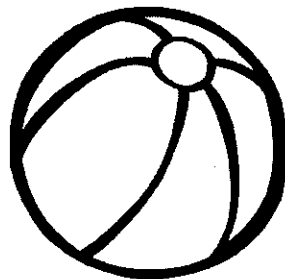
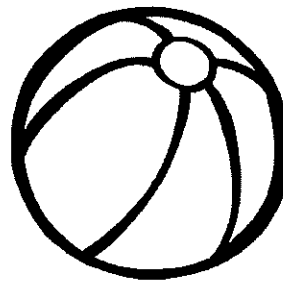
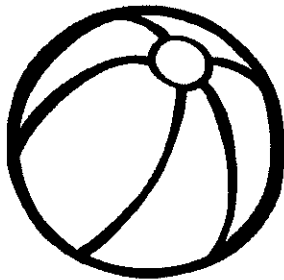
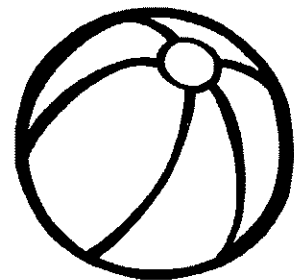
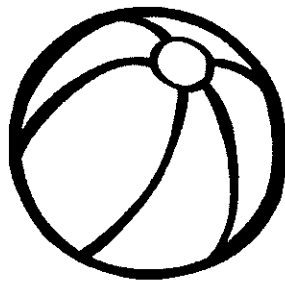
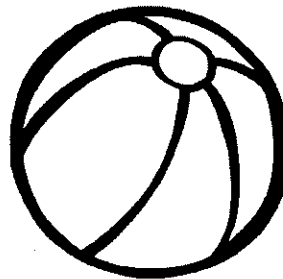
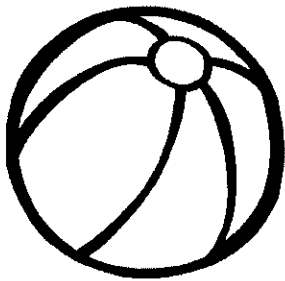


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June Reading Log

Each time you read a book or someone
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Happy Reading!

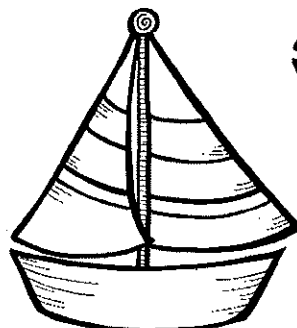
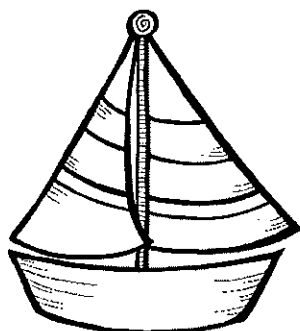
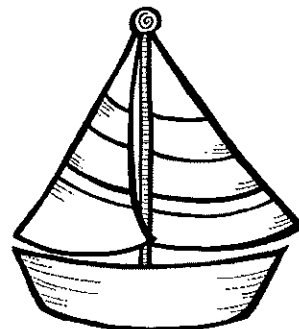
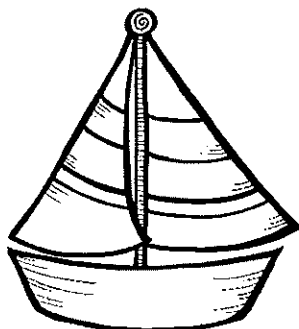
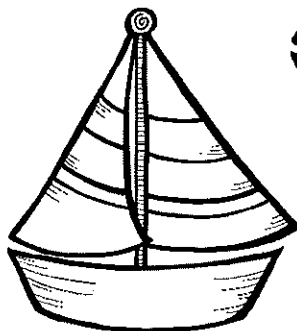
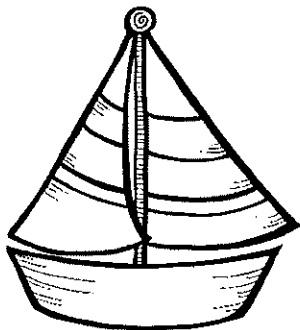
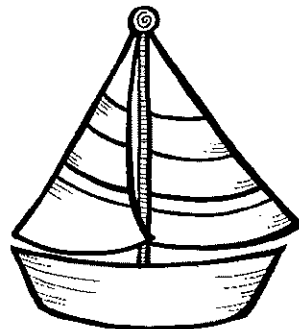
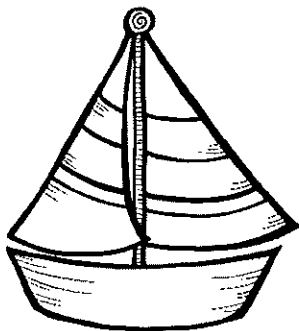
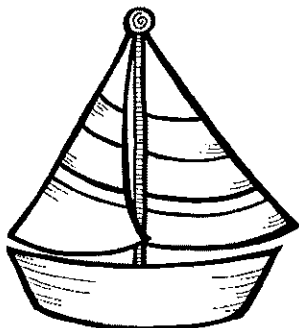
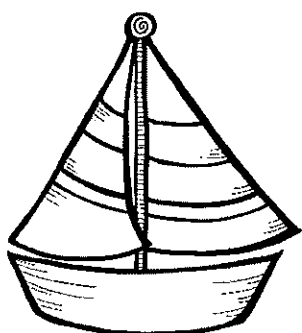


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JULY Reading Log

Each time you read a book or someone
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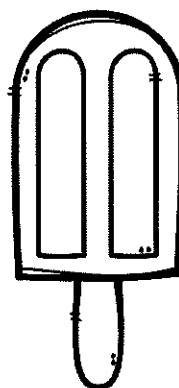
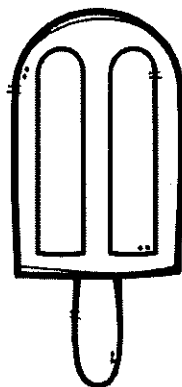
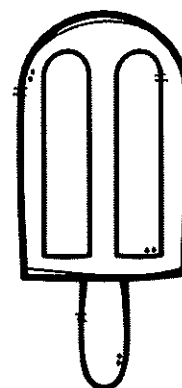
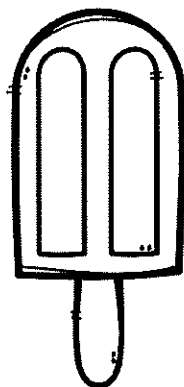
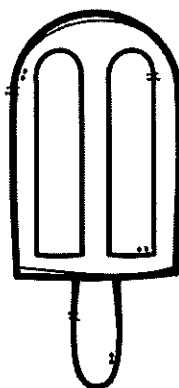
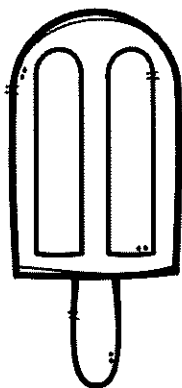
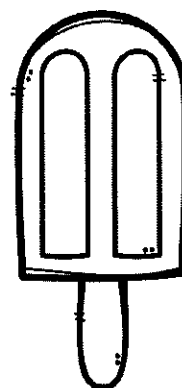
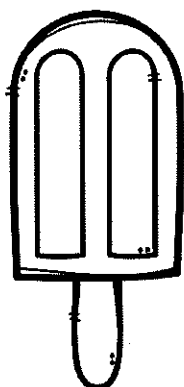
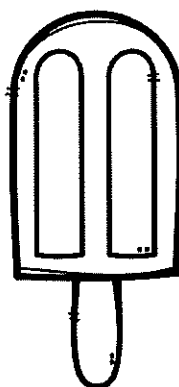
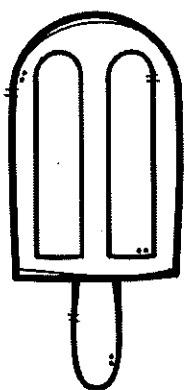
Happy Reading!



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AUGUST Reading Log

Each time you read a book or someone
reads a book to you color a popsicle!
Happy Reading!





Dear Families,

Happy summer! Here is a math journal to keep your child's math skills growing through the summer! Journaling is a fun way for students to represent and express their mathematical thinking on paper.

On each page is a math activity for your child to do. Each activity provides your child with a hands on math learning experience. After the activity, your child can express their mathematical thinking on paper.

Summer is full of exciting adventures that include math. You can also use a notebook from home to journal other math adventures you have!

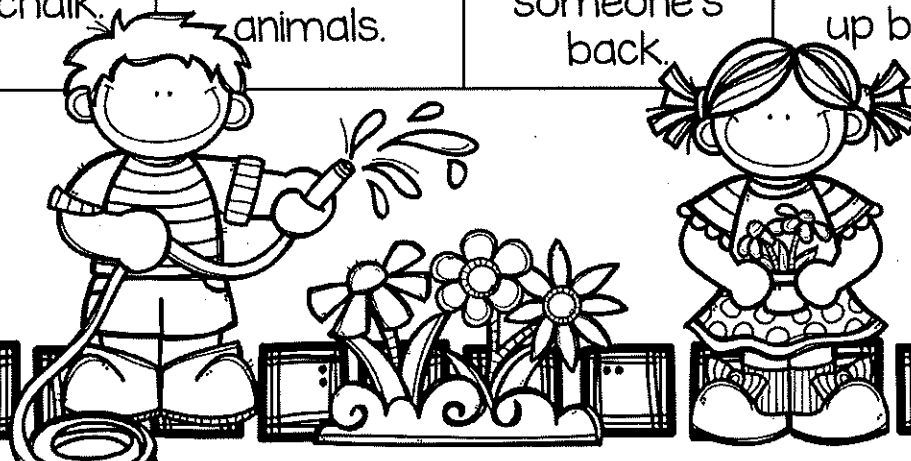
Have a fun summer!



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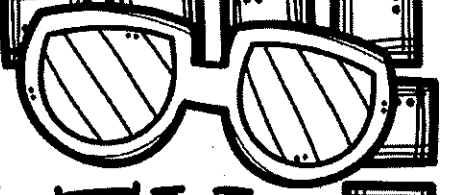
SUMMER MATH

Count as high as you can.	Make a map of a zoo.	Make numbers with play dough.	Play Go Fish.
Go on a rock hunt. Sort the rocks various ways.	Make a pattern with coins.	Put together a puzzle.	Go on a shape hunt outside.
Pick a flower and find 5 things longer than the flower.	Play I Spy Numbers at the store.	Count how many stairs you have.	Make a pattern with sticks and rocks.
Find 7 triangles, 7 squares, and 7 circles.	Make a number collage using numbers from magazines.	Sort the laundry various ways.	Make a map of your room.
Draw shapes with chalk.	Count your stuffed animals.	Draw numbers on someone's back.	Find 10 leaves and line them up by size.

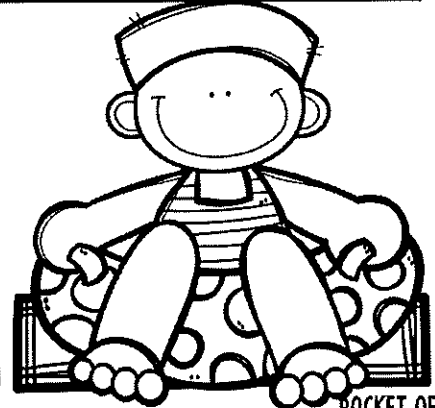
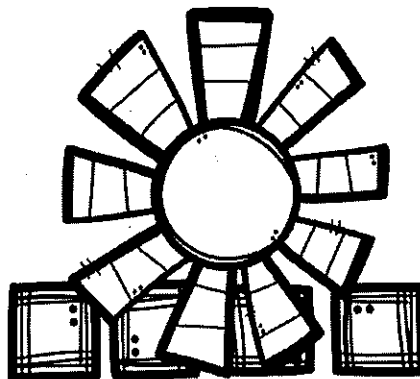
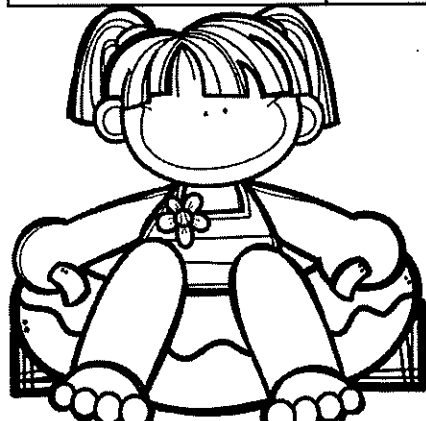


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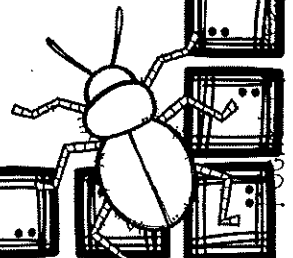
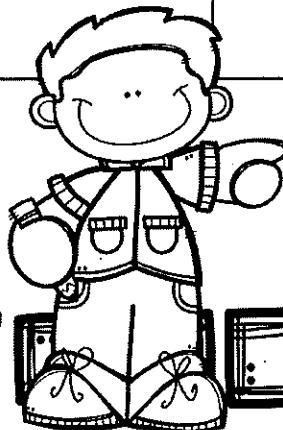
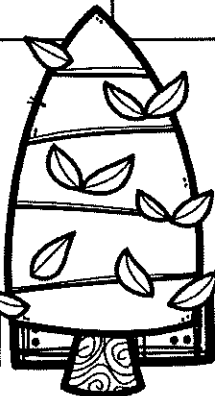
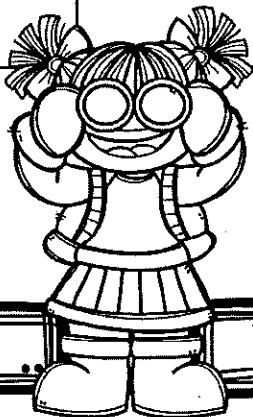
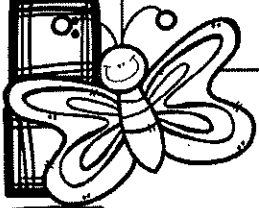
Put a puzzle together.	Sort the recycling.	Make a map of the park or the pool.	Use measuring cups to make a trail mix snack.
Make a pattern with cereal.	Sky write numbers (draw numbers in the air).	Count backwards.	Go on a rectangle hunt.
Read a counting book.	Make shapes with play dough.	Follow a recipe and measure the ingredients.	Sort the groceries and count each group.
Make a map of your house.	Play a board game.	Go on a number hunt. Write all the numbers you find.	Play I Spy with shapes.
Play Hi Low (war).	Go on a stick hunt. Line them up by size.	Sort socks various ways.	Make movement patterns (clap, stomp).

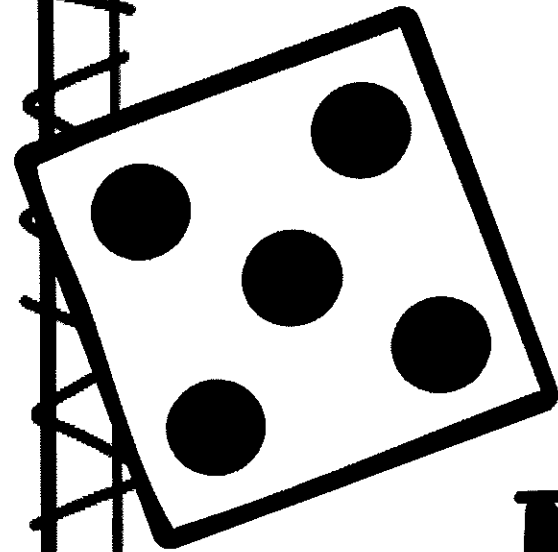
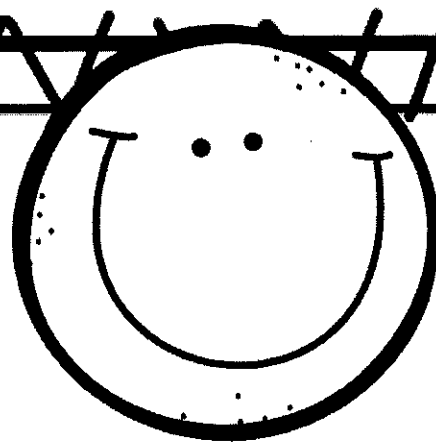


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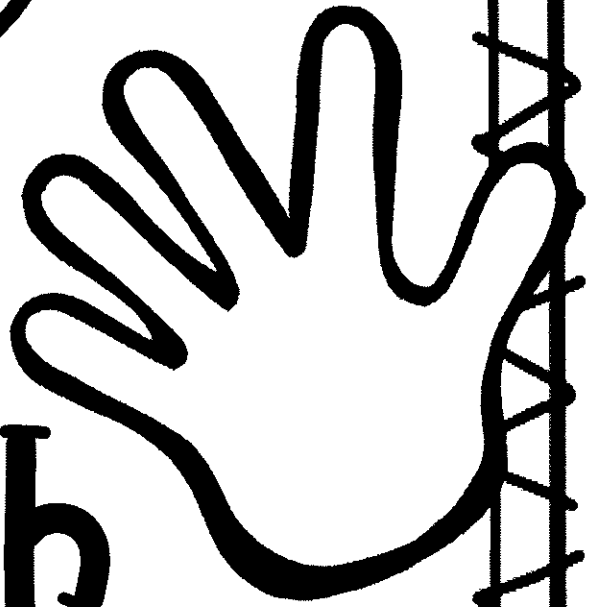
SUMMER MATH

Make a map of your neighborhood.	Go on a rock hunt. Sort the rocks various ways.	Count how many shirts you have.	Draw numbers with chalk outside.
Follow a recipe and measure the ingredients.	Read a book about counting.	Sky write shapes (draw shapes in the air).	Play a board game.
Count as high as you can.	Find 10 leaves and sort them various ways.	Make numbers with play dough.	Make a pattern with beads.
Make a shape collage using shapes from magazines.	Put a puzzle together.	Sort coins various ways.	Make a number line with playing cards.
Go on a circle hunt.	Play I Spy Numbers in the car.	Make a pattern with blocks.	Get a marker. Find 5 things that are shorter than the marker.

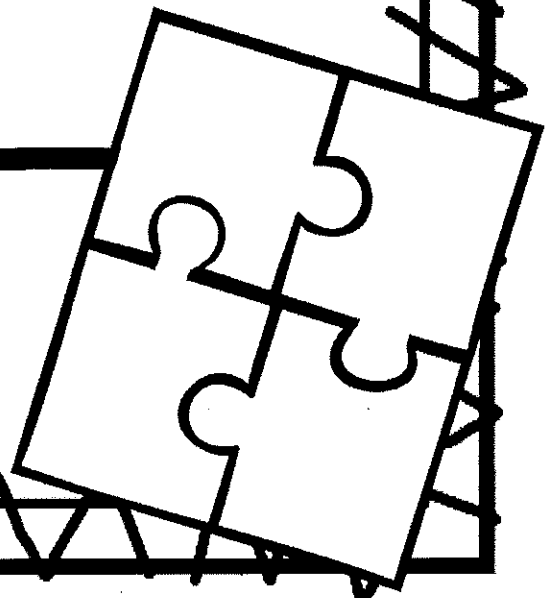
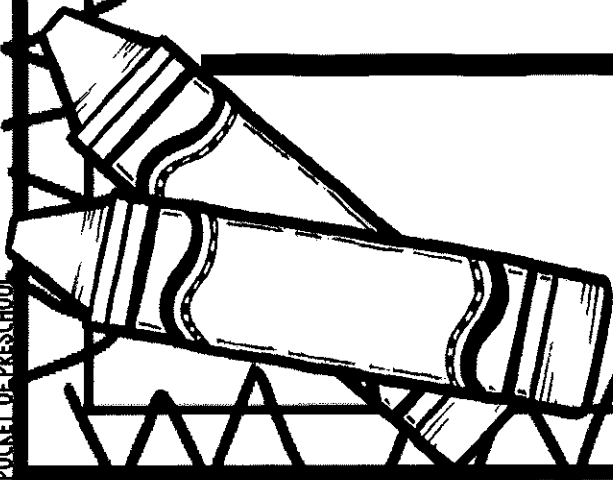




My
Math



Journal



Measurement

Find markers that are the same size. Using markers, measure how many markers tall each person is in your family by lining up the markers next to them. Draw a picture that shows how many markers tall you are.

Measurement

Go outside and find 10 sticks. Arrange them from shortest to tallest. Draw a picture of your sticks.

Sorting

Find 12 socks in your house. Sort them into piles that are the same. You can sort them by size, color, or shape. Are there any other ways you can sort them. Draw one way you sorted the socks.

Sorting

Go outside and find 15 leaves. Sort them into piles that are the same. You can sort them by size, color, or shape. Are there any other ways you can sort them. Draw one way you sorted the leaves.

Shapes

Find some squares in your home. Notice that they have 4 straight sides that are the same length and four corners. Draw as many different size squares as you can fit on this page.

Shapes

Go on a shape hunt for circles and triangles in your house or outside. Notice that the circle is round and has no sides. A triangle has 3 straight sides and three corners. Draw circles and triangles all over this page.

Numbers

Count out loud as high as you can jumping or clapping when you say each number. Write your numbers as high as you can!

Numbers

Create a number collage . Cut out numbers from magazines or store ads and glue them on the paper.

Patterns

Sketch a picture of your favorite animal. Create a pattern on it.

Patterns

Look in your closet. Read some of the patterns that are on your clothes. Sketch a picture of your family. Draw a pattern on each person's shirt/dress.



Counting

Count the total number of feet all the people in your family have. Draw a picture of your family with the matching number of feet you counted.



Counting

Go in your closet and get out all your shoes. Count the total number of shoes you have and write the number. Draw a picture of all your shoes. Put away your shoes when finished.