

Kindergarten, Here I Am!

ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH
YOUR KINDERGARTENER

I Like Kindergarten!

My First Day of School

Kindergarten
is FUN!



Welcome!

Reading to your child is one of the most

important ways to help your child succeed in school. The *Kindergarten, Here I Am!* Activity Guide introduces you to authors and illustrators who have written many books that are fun and interesting for kindergarteners. Each month you'll learn about a children's author or illustrator; each week you'll learn about one of that author's books.

You can find these books in your local library or your child's teacher may have them available to borrow. If you don't already have one, you may want to get a free library card for yourself and your child. After you complete a registration card and show proof of address, both of you can get a card that will open the doors to new books and opportunities to read together.

The activities that are described in *Kindergarten, Here I Am!* are fun to do even if you don't have the books described on each page. Find other stories about the topics or just do the activities by themselves. Any way you play, they're sure to help your child develop skills for future learning by sharing time together.

The activities are linked to the Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards for Kindergarten. These standards are being used in kindergarten classrooms across the State as a framework for curriculum and assessment in the classroom. The standards are listed in the box with an icon used throughout the calendar.

When you and your child do activities together, you are building a child's knowledge and experience. You can use this key to know which skill areas you are helping to develop. Activities can be done in any order. Choose the ones that your child would like to do first. Best of all, this is a way to have fun with your child while learning.

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*Dear Kindergarten Student,
Your mission is to "Catch
the Learning Bugs!"*



*The learning bugs have landed
on your calendar. Every month there
is a unique critter located somewhere
on the page. Can you find the bug?
These bugs love learning and hope you
do, too! Each month, you'll be learning
lots of new ideas and participating
in fun activities with your parents.
These activities will help you get
ready for the learning that you'll be
doing in Kindergarten!
Will you accept this mission?
Good luck and good learning!*

*Love,
The Learning Bugs*

Kindergarten Here I Am Supporting Authors

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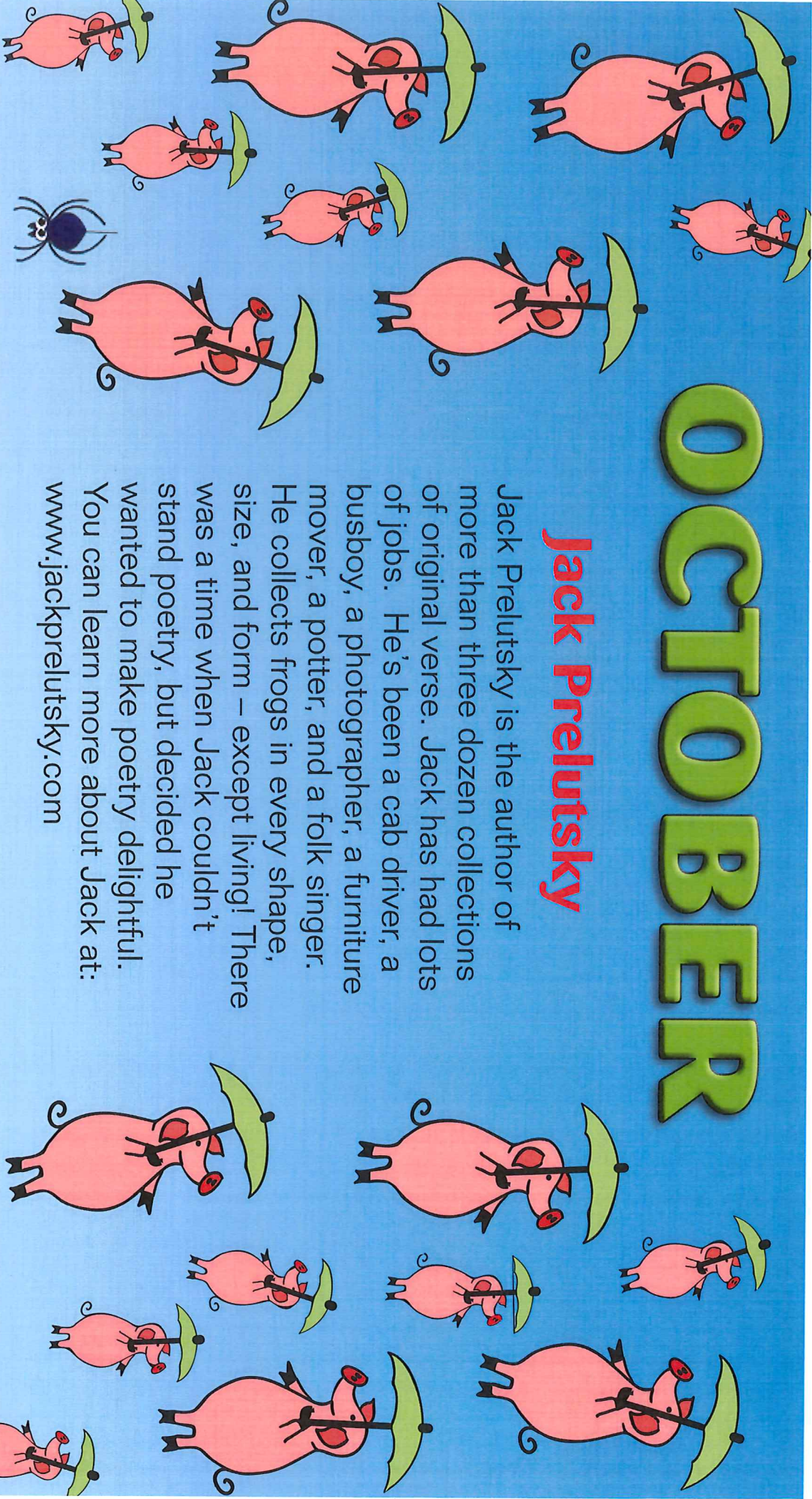
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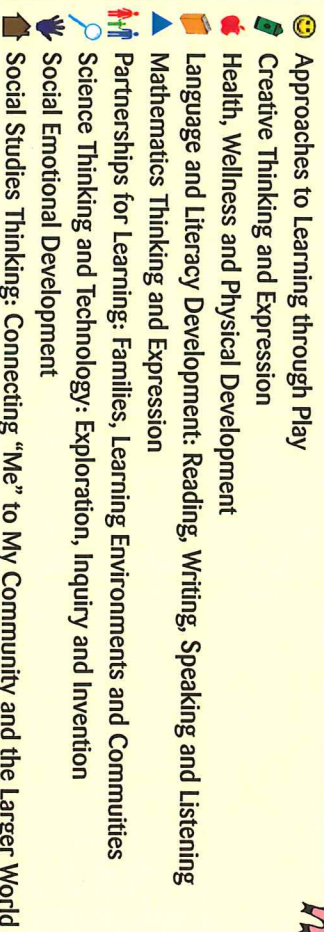
Jack Prelutsky

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The New Kid on the Block It's Halloween Something Big Has Been Here

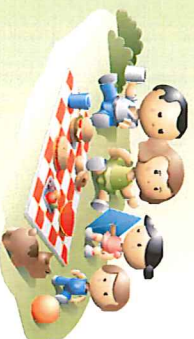


Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young

A collection of 200 short poems including some by Jack Prelutsky

(Poem name in parentheses)

- 📖 After your child wakes up in the morning, sing a song. If you can't think of a song to sing, turn on the radio and sing along. (*Singing-Time*)
- 👉 Have a picnic inside or outside. With your child, pack a lunch to eat. Lay a blanket on the ground and eat your lunch. (*The Picnic*)
- 👉 With your child, talk about what your ears do. Listen for sounds throughout the day and keep a list. (*Ears Hear*)
- 🍎 Start hopping with your child! See how fast, far, and long you can hop. (*Just Watch*)



OTHER SILLY POEM BOOKS...

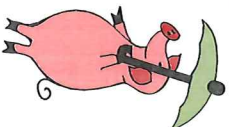
Silly Street by Jeff Foxworthy
Runny Babbit: A Billy Sook by Shel Silverstein
Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

It's Raining Pigs & Noodles

A collection of more than 100 crazy and hilarious poems.

(Poem name in parentheses)

- 👉 Have your child take a sip of water and another beverage. Have them decide which they like better and tell you why. (*I Took a Sip of Water*)
- 🔍 Go on a litter walk. Take a walk outside with your child and pick up any trash that you see. (*We Are Plooters*)
- 🍷 Imagine your own perfect pie. Pick what ingredients would go into it. Make a name for your pie. Have each word in the name of the pie start with the same letter (example: Molly's Marinara Mulberry Pie). (*Percy's Perfect Pies*)
- 📖 Look thru books and magazines to find pictures that rhyme. (*Could be any poem-Non-specific*)



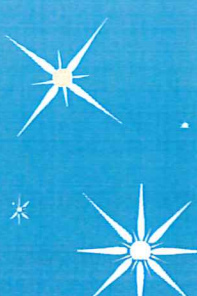
OTHER RHYMING AND POEM BOOKS ABOUT ANIMALS...

My Dog May Be a Genius by James Stevenson and Jack Prelutsky
Pizza, Pigs, and Poetry by Jack Prelutsky
Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You? Dr. Seuss's Book of Wonderful Noises by Dr. Seuss

I'm Glad I'm Me: Poems About You

Poems about people. (Poem name in parentheses)

- 🔍 Go outside one night to look at the stars. Talk about what you can see. If you can't see the stars, discuss what might prevent you from seeing them (ex: clouds in the sky, bright city lights) (*A Million Candles*)
- 🗣️ Sing, *Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes* with your child. (*Be Glad Your Nose Is On Your Face*)
- 👉 Have your child draw a picture of him or herself. Write a sentence of what they like about themselves. (*I'm Glad I'm Me*)
- 👉 Have your child ask a family member or family friend what kind of job they have. Have the family member explain what they do in their job. (*When I Grow Up*)



OTHER BOOKS ABOUT BEING ME...

Of All the People in the World to Be... I Am Glad that... I Am Me! by Trudie L. Hayes
I'm Glad You Got to See Me by Norman A. Richards
Top-Secret Personal Beeswax: A Journal by Junie B. (And Me!) by Barbara Park

What A Day It Was At School

A book about school. (Poem name in parentheses)

- 📖 Make a maraca by putting rice, beans, or pasta into a plastic bottle or container. Turn on the radio and shake the maraca to the music. (*We're Shaking Maracas*)
- 👉 Read a library book that your child has brought home from the school library or go to the public library to pick out a book and read. (*It's Library Time*)
- 👉 Visit the school nurse and ask her to share what she does during the day. (*I'm Off to the Infirmary*)
- 🗣️ Think of rhyming words with your child. Tell your child a word and have him or her tell you a word that rhymes. See how many words you can think of. (*Could be any poem-Non Specific*)



OTHER BOOKS ABOUT SCHOOL....

School by Emily Arnold McCully
Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar, Adam McCauley (Illustrator), Adam McCauley
Time for School, Mouse! by Laura Numeroff