



Dear Kindergarten Family:

Thank you for your interest in Grace Valley Christian Academy's kindergarten class. We have put together a packet that will help your child prepare for kindergarten at our school.

In this packet you will find the following:

- Benchmarks for Incoming Kindergarteners
- Kindergarten Curriculum
- Letter Formation Handout

If you have any questions, please contact the school office: gvca@gracevalley.org or 530.758.6590.

Best regards,
Grace Valley Christian Academy

Benchmarks for Incoming Kindergarteners

- ☐ State first and last name.
- ☐ State age and birth date.
- ☐ Identify eight basic colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, brown and black.
- ☐ Identify five basic shapes: circle, square, triangle, rectangle, and diamond.
- ☐ Count to 20.
- ☐ Isolate and identify numbers 1-20.
- ☐ Write numbers 1-10.
- ☐ Count objects to 10 with 1:1 correspondence.
- ☐ Hold pencil correctly.
- ☐ Write all capital letters correctly (see Letter Formation Handout).
- ☐ Print first name using upper case for the first letter and lower case for remaining letters (example: Susie, Robert).
- ☐ Isolate letters, know all names and sounds.
- ☐ Recite (not sing) the alphabet.
- ☐ Hold scissors correctly, snip paper and cut on straight line.
- ☐ Hop on one foot; left and right.
- ☐ Bounce and catch a large rubber ball.
- ☐ Zip jacket and pants; button clothes; buckle a belt; tie shoes.
- ☐ Use bathroom independently and appropriately.

Kindergarten Curriculum

LANGUAGE ARTS / ENGLISH

- I. Phonemic Awareness
- II. Phonics
- III. Reading and Writing
- IV. Poetry/Fables
- V. Literature:
Fiction/Informational/Biography
- VI. Sayings and Phrases

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

- I. Maps and Globes
- II. Overview of the Seven Continents
- III. American Geography
- IV. Native Americans
- V. Early Exploration and Settlement
(Columbus and Pilgrims)
- VI. American Holidays
- VII. American Presidents, Past and
Present
- VIII. United States Symbols and Figures

VISUAL ARTS

- I. Elements of Art
- II. Sculpture
- III. Looking at and Talking About Art
- IV. 2 & 3 Dimensional Art Using
Various Media

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- I. Motor Planning
- II. Balance

MATHEMATICS

- I. Patterns and Classification
- II. Numbers and Number Sense
- III. Money
- IV. Computation
- V. Measurement
- VI. Geometry
- VII. Graphing Data
- VIII. Time

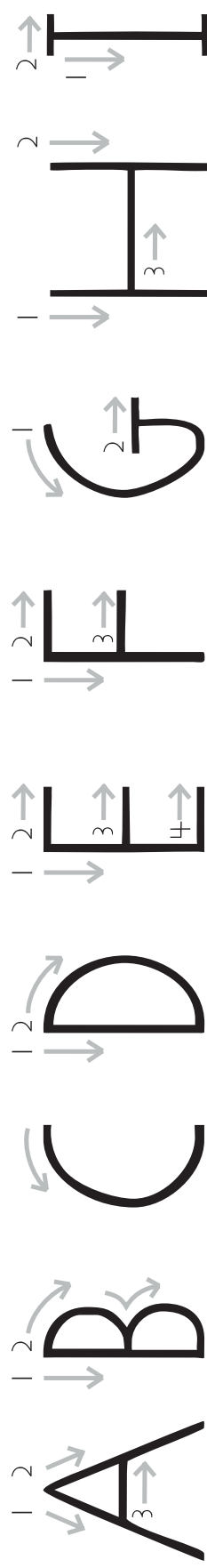
SCIENCE

- I. Plants and Plant Growth
- II. Animals and their Needs
- III. Human Body (Five Senses)
- IV. Introduction to Magnetism
- V. Seasons and Weather
- VI. Taking Care of the Earth
- VII. Science Biographies
- VIII. Insects
- IX. Scientific Method

MUSIC

- I. Elements of Music
- II. Listening and Understanding
- III. Songs

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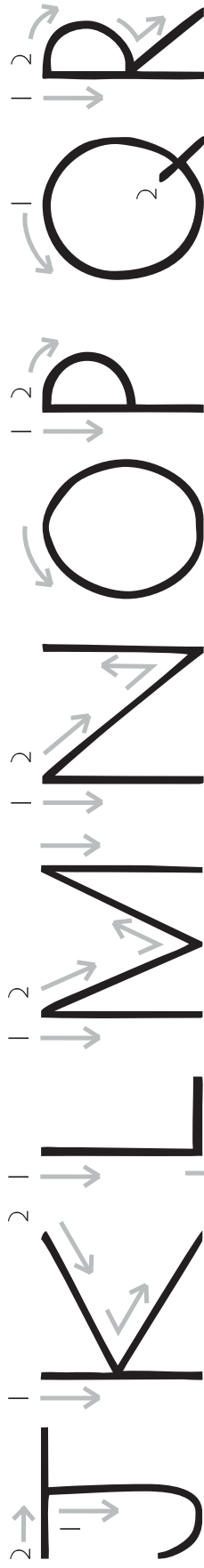
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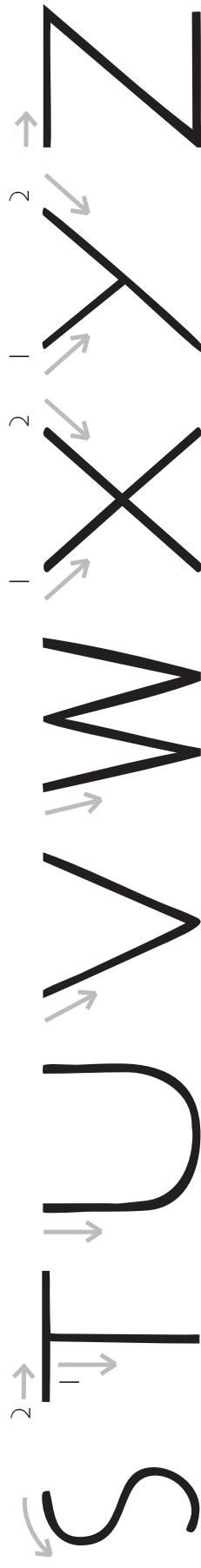
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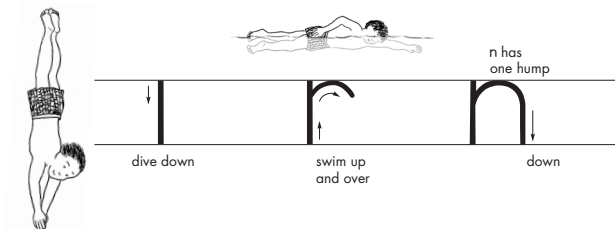
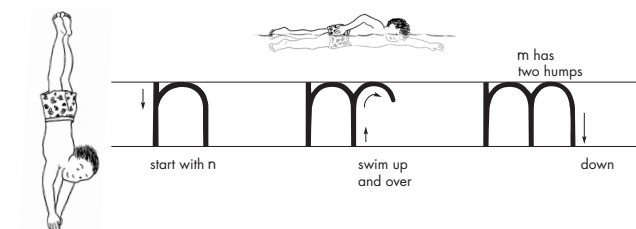
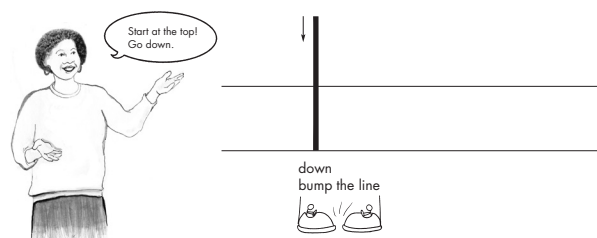
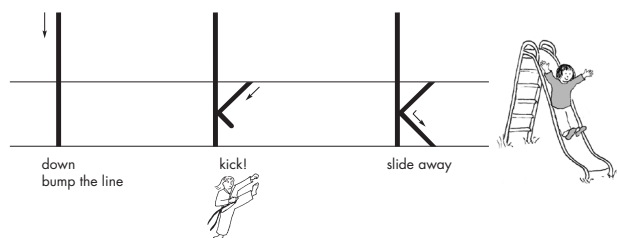
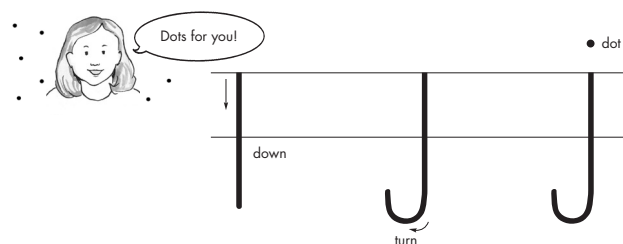
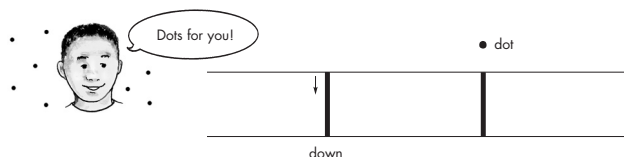
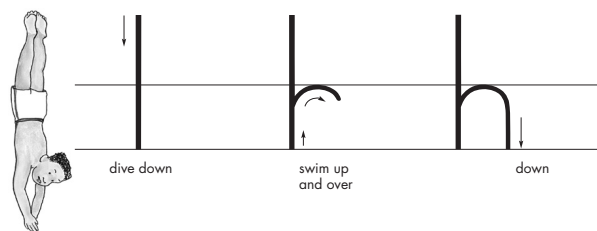
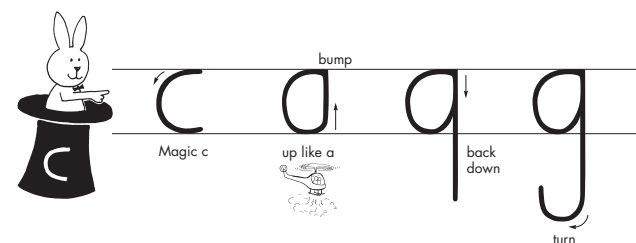
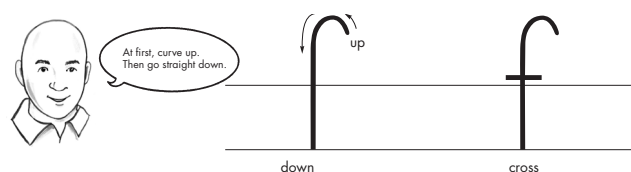
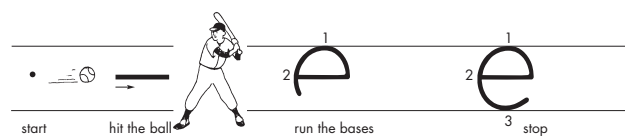
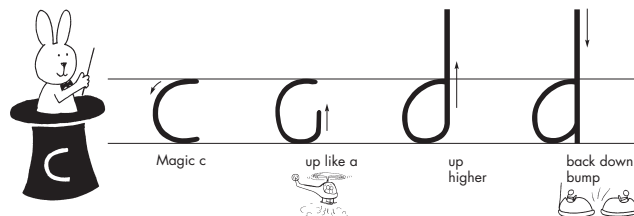
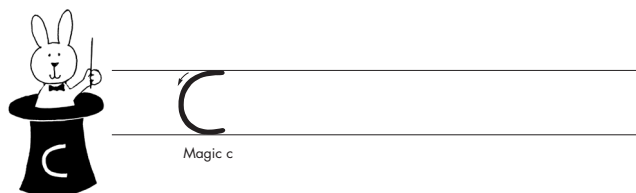
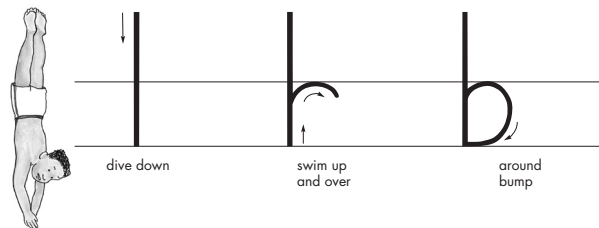
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