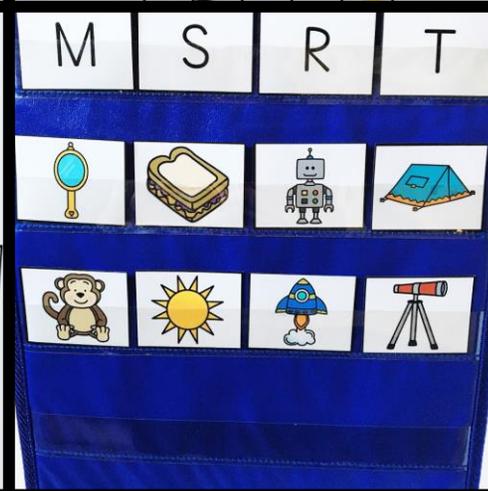
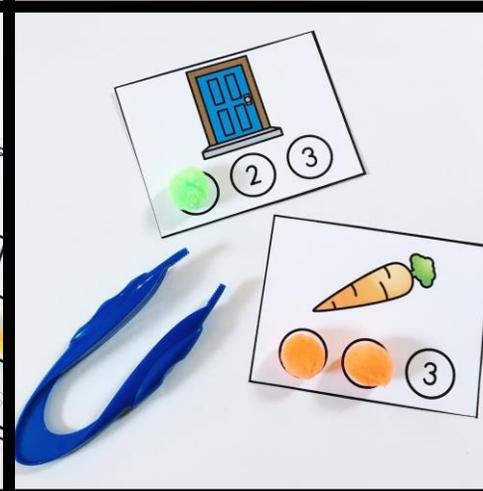
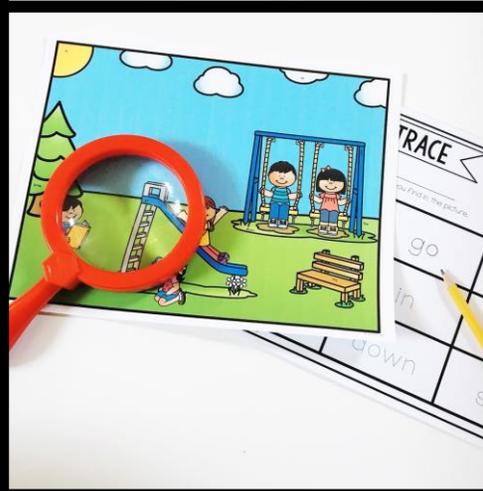
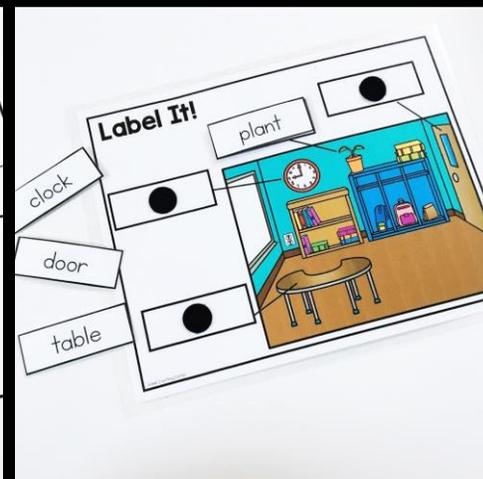
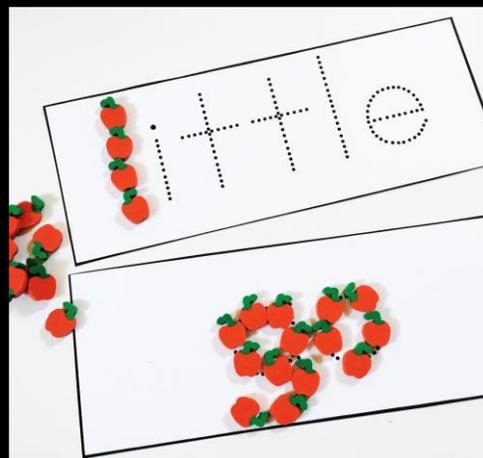
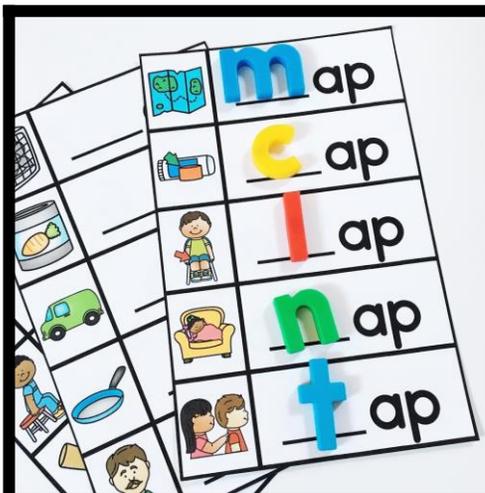


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LITERACY CENTERS



A Systematic, Non-Thematic Centers Solution By Katie Roltgen

ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

This pack contains 20 literacy centers designed for kindergarten. They are not thematic and can be used at any time and in a variety of classroom settings.

I created this centers pack to be used in October. The skills covered are appropriate for kindergarten students during the second-to-third month of the school year, based on my experience.

There are four weeks' worth of centers. I placed the activities in the grid in a specific order but you can rearrange them and use them whenever you choose. For example, you can use an activity from Week 2 in Week 4 instead if you prefer.

There are five center types: Sight Words, Sort It Out, Letters and Sounds, Literacy Spotlight, and I'm a Writer. Each skill area has a new center activity for each week. There is a symbol for each skill area to help with organization.

There are practice pages with the Sort It Out centers, Letters and Sounds centers, and Literacy Spotlight centers. Each of the I'm a Writer centers includes a writing page. The practice pages are all optional, but they work well for student accountability. I have included a bin label for you to place at the bin where students will turn in their page. There are also student instruction cards with real photos.

The goal is for each student to complete each bin once per week. I've usually done centers as part of my guided reading block and had students complete centers individually while I'm meeting with another group. However, you can use these in whatever way works with your class and your schedule!

Read my blog post about these centers here: <http://bit.ly/OctoberCentersforK>

PLANNING AND PREP WORK

Planning the Centers: I have included a grid with the centers planned out for you. I also included a blank planning grid that you can write on to customize as needed.

I suggest creating two sets of each center and having a total of 10 bins.

Preparation: For the majority of the centers, I suggest printing on cardstock and laminating for maximum durability. For any centers that include color graphics, I also included a black-and-white version. You can print the black-and-white version on colored cardstock to make them pop!

Materials: I included a list of materials and supplies you'll need in order to implement the centers. Some materials are listed as optional. There also may be some materials that you can substitute if you don't have the exact thing I listed. I tried my hardest to keep the required materials limited while still providing maximum student engagement and hands-on learning opportunities.

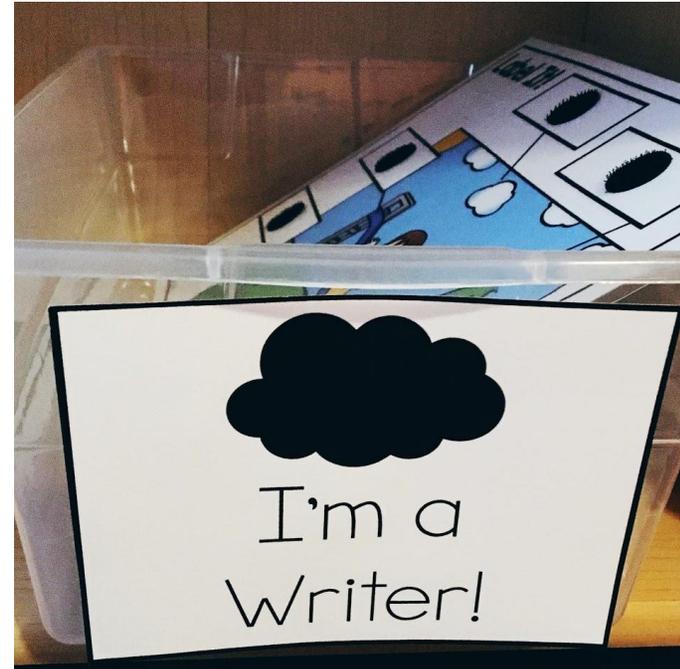
Management Tools: I have included a variety of organizational and management tools that are highlighted on the next six pages.

TUB/BIN STORAGE LABELS

Print these labels on sticker paper or on cardstock. Stick or tape onto your plastic bins. I use cheap plastic shoeboxes from Target!

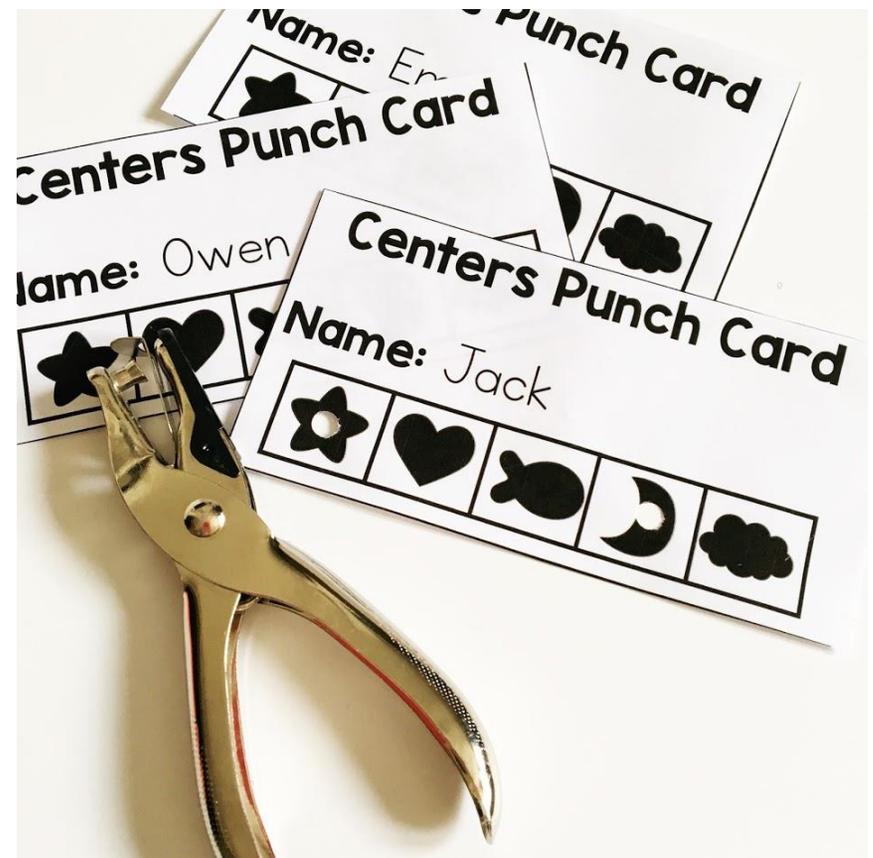
Tip: Print twice the number of labels and attach one set onto your shelves. This helps students know where to return their bin.

The second set is editable in Adobe.



STUDENT TRACKING TOOLS

I have included two options to help students keep track of which centers they have completed each week. Each option is editable. You must use Adobe in order to edit.



PLASTIC BIN STORAGE LABELS

You can store each month's activities in a plastic bin. Monthly labels are included!



BINDER STORAGE LABELS

If you choose to store the center activities in a binder, there is a cover page and two options for binder spine labels for each month.



ACTIVITY STORAGE LABELS

These labels will work for labeling your individual activities regardless of how you decide to store them. I printed my labels on sticker paper and cut them out with a paper trimmer.

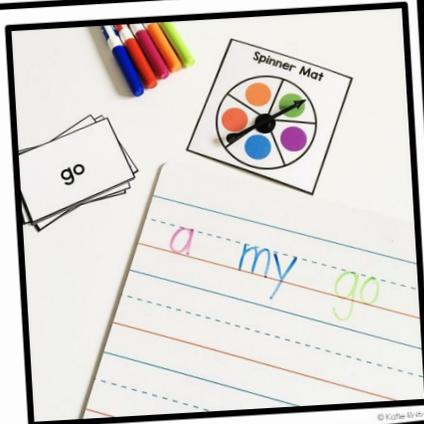


STUDENT INSTRUCTION CARDS

There are half-page student instruction cards included for every center activity!

Rainbow Writing

I can spin and write.



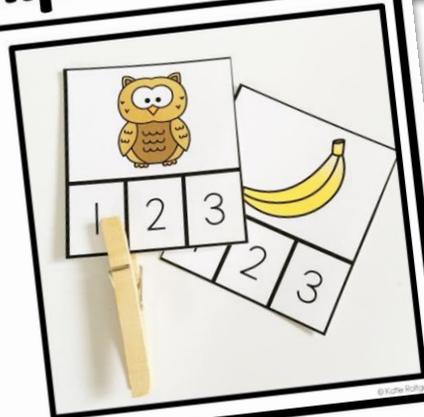
Hidden Picture

I can find the words.



Syllable Clip Cards

I can count syllables and clip the number.



MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

Besides the materials listed below, you'll also need cardstock and a laminator for preparing the centers. storage containers of your choice, and pencils for the writing center.

Week 1

Mini erasers (or other small objects)
Pom-pom balls (or other small objects)
OPTIONAL: Small pocket chart for the Sort It Out center
OPTIONAL: Plastic tweezers for the Syllable Card activity

Week 2

Magnetic letters
Clothespins for the First Sound Vertical Clip Cards
Small dot stickers for First Sound Vertical Clip Cards (to designate the correct answer)
OPTIONAL: Jumbo magnifying glass for the Sight Words Center
OPTIONAL: Small pocket chart for the Sort It Out center

Week 3

Playdough
Playdough letter stamps
Mini erasers (or other small objects)
OPTIONAL: Small pocket chart for the Sort It Out center
OPTIONAL: Hook-and-loop sticky dots for the Sticky Rhyme Cards
OPTIONAL: Hook-and-loop sticky dots for the Label a Picture writing center

Week 4

Sand in a spill-proof container
Rice sensory bin (or a similar type of sensory bin)
OPTIONAL: Small pocket chart for Sort It Out center

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	Sight Words	Sort It Out	Letters and Sounds	Literacy Spotlight	I'm a Writer!
Week 1	Cover-Up Cards	-an/-ap Word Families Sort	First Sound Cover-Up Cards	Syllable Cards	Room Scavenger Hunt
Week 2	Hidden Picture	First Sounds M/S/R/T Sort	-an/-ap/-at Missing First Sound Cards	First Sound Vertical Clip Cards	Cut/Paste Sentences
Week 3	Playdough Stamping	Word or Letter Sort	Letter Building Cards	Sticky Rhyme Cards	Label a Picture
Week 4	Sand Writing	First Sounds N/B/P/A Sort	Letter Hunt	-an/-ap/-at Puzzles	Picture Prompt Writing

SIGHT WORD CENTERS

Each week students will practice spelling their sight words in a specific way.

Cover-Up Cards:

Students will cover up the letters in their sight words using mini erasers or another small object.



Hidden Picture:

Print the color or black-and-white version. Students will find the sight words that are hidden in the picture and trace them on the recording page. I include a jumbo magnifying glass.



Playdough Stamping:

Provide students with a container of playdough (store-bought or homemade) and plastic playdough stamps. Place the week three sight word cards at the center.



Sand Writing:

At the center, place the week four sight word cards with a container of sand. Students can use their finger to write words or they can use the eraser-end of a pencil.



"SORT IT OUT" CENTERS

For the four "Sort It Out" centers, I recommend having an area with a small pocket chart available for students to sort. This makes the sorting a little easier. However, students can also just sort at their table or on the floor.

-an/-ap Word Families Sort



First Sounds M/S/R/T Sort



Word or Letter Sort



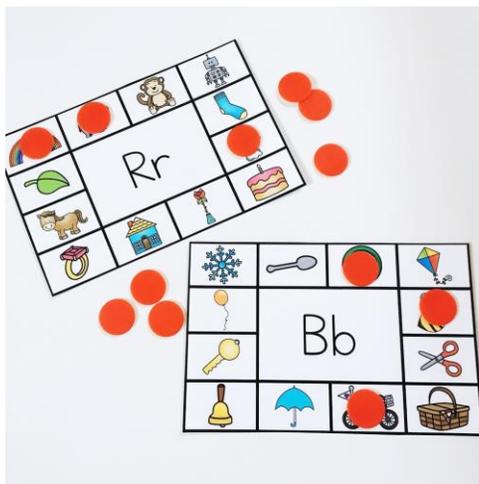
First Sounds N/B/P/A Sort



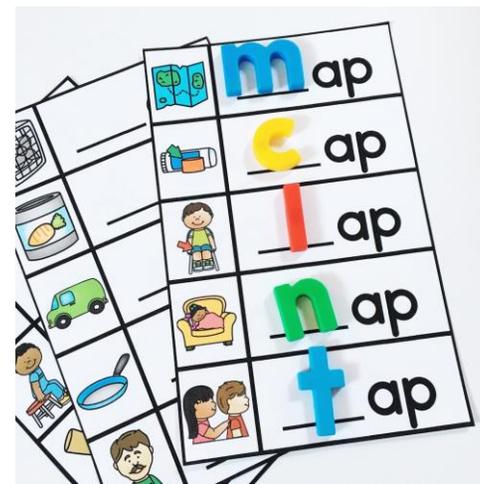
"LETTERS & SOUNDS" CENTERS

These centers practice letter identification, letter building, and letter sounds in a variety of ways. For the Letter Hunt activity, you can use any type of sensory bin but I like to use rice. For the Cover-Up Cards and Letter Building Cards, you can use any small object, such as mini erasers.

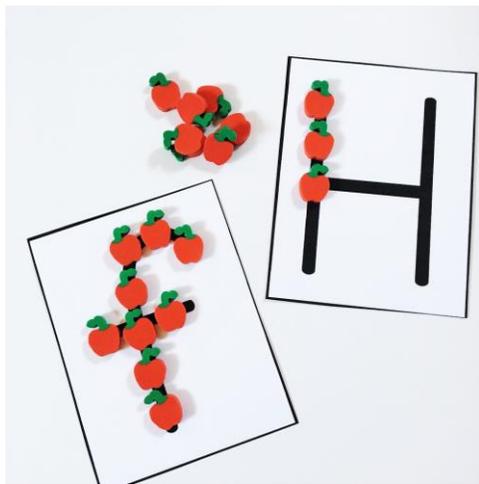
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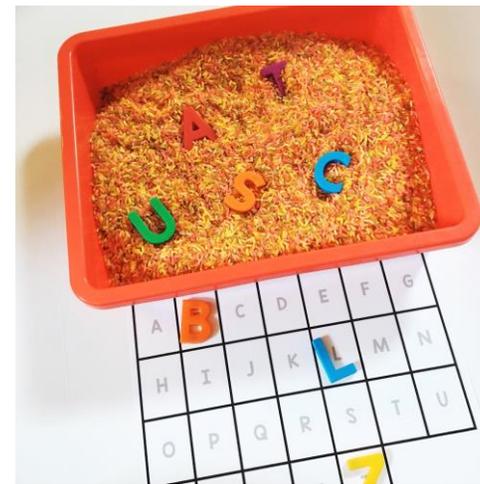
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Letter Building Cards



Letter Hunt

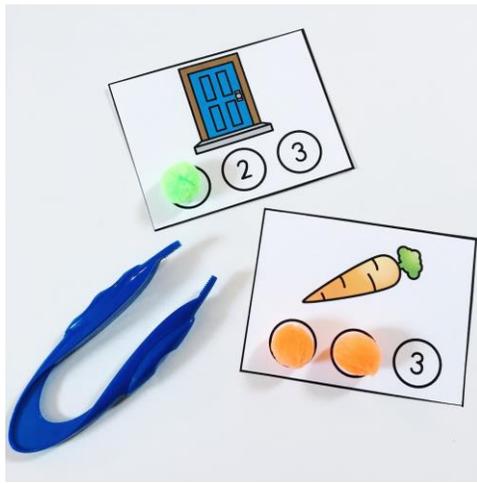


"LITERACY SPOTLIGHT" CENTERS

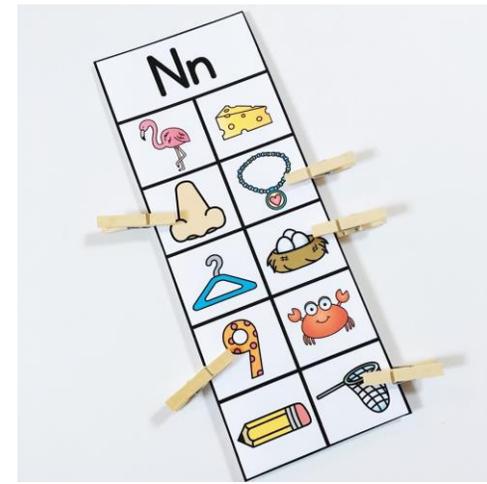
These centers focus on phonological awareness, word families, and other similar skills.

For the Syllable Cards, you can use pom-pom balls or any other small object. For the Vertical Clip Cards, place five dot stickers on the back of the cards to indicate the correct answers. For the Sticky Rhyme Cards, I use sticky-back hook-and-loop fasteners.

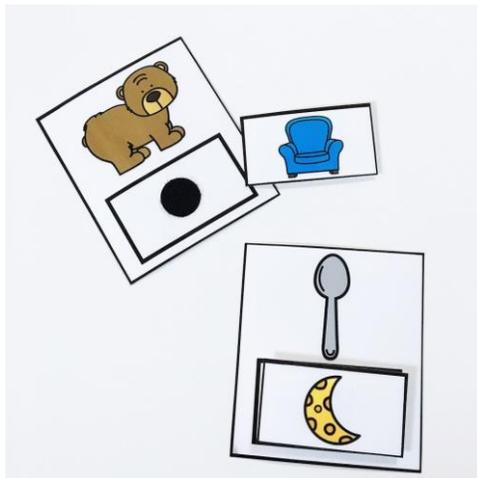
Syllable Cards



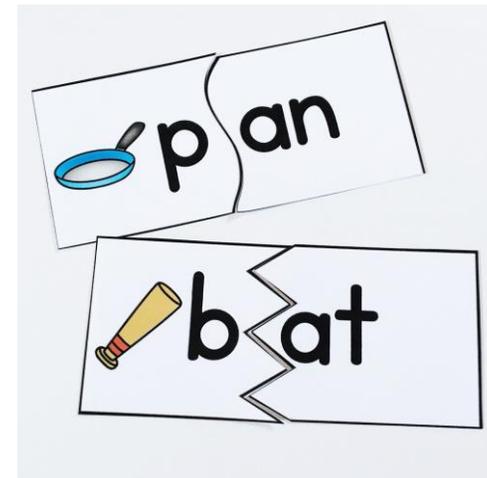
First Sound Vertical Clip Cards



Sticky Rhyme Cards



-an/-ap/-at Puzzles



"I'M A WRITER!" CENTERS

Each week includes a writing page. As you can see, I have included a variety of options for each week's page to allow for differentiation, different line style preferences, etc. Each page is labeled with the corresponding week on the bottom left-hand corner.

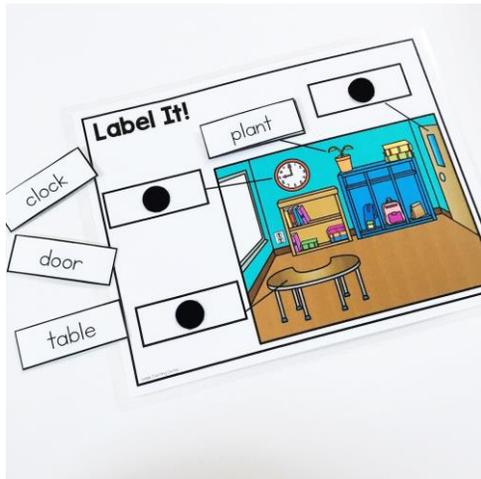
Classroom Scavenger Hunt



Cut and Paste Sentence



Label a Picture



Picture Prompt Page

I included real photos and clipart photos so you have a black-and-white option. Pick which suits your needs.

