

pre-reading fun

A Pirate Life

Lesson Plans







Schedule Overview						
	Letter	Keyword	Craft	Phonological Awareness Skills	Story Time	Pre- Writing Skills
Lesson 1	н	Hat	Pirate Hats	Rhyming Initial Sounds	Coptain Ray and the Rhyming Pirates By: Jennifer Makwana	Sandpaper Letters
Lesson 2	E	Emerald	Emerald Pendant	Blending Initial Sounds	Slomo's Secret Treasure By: Jennifer Makwana	Sensory Trays
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Lesson 3	x	X Marks the Spot	Treasure Map Picture Collage	Alliteration Initial Sounds	The Fantastic Floating Feast By: Danielle Van Bakel	Shaving Cream Letters
Lesson 4	v	Volcano	Vibrant Volcano	Segmenting - Syllabication Initial Sounds	The Splitter Critter and the Greedy Pirates By: Jennifer Makwana	Bingo Dabbers
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Lesson 5	т	Treasure	Treasure Chests	Sound Manipulation Initial Sounds	The Great Riddle Roce By: Jennifer Makwana	Sculpting Letters





Lesson: 1 Letter: H Keyword: Hat

Lesson Checklist

Circle Time:

- o ABC Chart
- o Guess the Picture Supplies

Craft:

- Pre-cut black, and other colored, Bristol board pirate hats, and white skull and cross bones (from the templates in the folder "Pirates Supplemental Materials")
- Long strips of black Bristol board, for the head band (1 per child)
- Extra sheets of construction paper
- o Glue
- Stapler
- Child scissors
- Feathers (in a variety of colors)
- Jewels, sequins and glitter

Song/Movement Activity:

Song lyrics

Phonological Awareness Activities:

- Copy of Pirate Rhymes sentences (included in Lesson Plan)
- Bins filled with sand
- A variety of objects beginning with the target sound and a few that do not to act as decoys
- Shovels

Story Time:

Storybook

Pre-Writing Skills:

- Sandpaper
- Letter practice/coloring pages
- Coloring materials



Circle Time Approx. Time: 10 min

- · Alpha-Mania song
- Alphabet song (sung two ways)
- Guess the Picture
- Picture riddles

Refer to p. 7 of Instructor's Manual for detailed instructions of each step.



Alpha-Mania Lesson Plans Topic: A Pirate Life



Lesson: 1 Letter: H Keyword: Hat

Craft Approx. Time: 15 min

Paper Hats

Discussion Questions

Do you know any pirates from books or movies? Who are they?

Do you think pirates are good or bad? Explain.

Why do think pirates are often missing a leg or a hand?

Aside from a parrot, which other pet would you recommend to a pirate?

When not searching for treasure, what do you think pirates like to do in their spare time?

If you were a pirate, what type of treasure would you hope to find?

Craft Instructions

- In the center of the table, put out the following materials:
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 - Long strips of black Bristol board, for the head band (1 per child)
 - Extra sheets of construction paper
 - o Glue
 - Stapler
 - Child scissors
 - Feathers (in a variety of colors)
 - Jewels, sequins, and glitter
- Invite the children to make a pirate hat, using the given materials.
- Provide help with creating the head band which will need to be tailored for each individual child.
- Use the discussion questions on the left to help stimulate their imaginations.

Suggested Extension Activities:

- Add paper or inflatable palm trees, pirate hats, hooks, a stuffed parrot, a periscope and a cardboard boat wheel to the drama center.
- Allow children to build a pirate ship out of Lego or wooden blocks in the block center. Include some toy pirates and parrots for them to add to their ship.
- Invite the children to play 'Row the Boat' and/or 'Captain's Coming!' Please see the document Suggested Extension Activities — Further Explanation, located in the folder "Pirates Extension Activities"
- Bring in informational texts and storybooks for children to explore and learn more about pirates.





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Lesson: 3 Letter: X Keyword: X Marks

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Song/Movement Activity

Approx. time: 5 min

Pirate Pete

Sung to the tune of "B-I-N-G-O"

Pirate Pete, he had a bird And Bingo was his name-oh! B-I-N-G-O! B-I-N-G-O!

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And Bingo was his name-oh!

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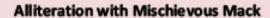
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For each verse, delete one more letter and replace with a clap until all letters in 'BINGO' are clapped.

Phonological Awareness Activities





Shimmy Shake

Have the children stand in a circle. Instruct the children to "shimmy shake" when they hear a pair of matching beginning word sounds. For example, you might call out the following word pairs: "silly turtle," "nice dog" and "crazy cow." When the children hear the alliteration in "crazy cow," they all shake and shimmy.



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Lesson: 3 Letter: X Keyword: X Marks

the Spot

Initial Sounds: X Marks the Spot Tic Tac Toe

Play a game of Tic Tac Toe using only Xs. To play, cut two sets of Xs out of construction paper in two different colors. Divide the children into two teams, and explain that each team should try to make 3 Xs in a row. Use masking tape to make a giant Tic Tac Toe board on the floor. You can also use colored floor mat puzzles arranged in a 3X3 grid. Let one child from one team place an X in a square and call out a word containing the /x/ sound. Suggest that they choose words that have X in the middle or at the end since there are few words that begin with the /x/ sound. Next, let a child from the other team place the other colored X on the board. Continue alternating turns until one team gets three in a row.

Story Time

Approx. Time: 10 min

The Fantastic Floating Feast By: Danielle Van Bakel

Pre-Writing Skills

Approx. Time: 10 min

Shaving Cream Letters

Give each child a squirt of shaving cream in the shape of the designated letter and invite them to spread it around with their hands. Have children practice making letters in the foam created. Squirt directly onto table or into aluminum trays.

Printing Practice

Give each child a marker and teach or review the "Grip Flip". (See p. 21 of Instructor's Manual for detailed instructions.) Distribute letter practice/coloring pages and coloring supplies to the children. Assist children as necessary in tracing the letter shapes and then encourage them to try their own. When the letter practice page is completed, children can color the images on the coloring page.









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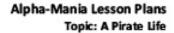
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Lesson: 5 Letter: T Keyword: Treasure

Pre-Writing Skills

Approx. Time: 10 min

Sculpting Letters

Give each child a chunk of play dough or Plasticine. Show the children how to roll the dough into strips ("snakes") and use those strips to form letters.

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