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Wixie

Guide for Parents:
Kindergarten



What is Wixie?

Wixie is an online tool your child can use to write, paint pictures, and tell stories. Wixie makes learning fun and your child can use their Wixie log in from school to continue learning at home.

Your child can add text to a Wixie page to practice their writing, draw ideas from their imagination using the paint tools, record narration for stories, and more. Your child can share their work as a slide show simply by sending out the project URL. They can also print their work as comics, booklets, or trading cards.



Using Wixie with Your Kindergartener

In Kindergarten your child is building the foundations for a life of learning. They need some direction and assistance, but learning is mainly accomplished through exploration and play. You and your child can explore and play in Wixie to build on these early learning foundations in a way that is fun and exciting.

Wixie is also the perfect canvas for free play on the computer. Play is a powerful way for children to learn about the world. But rather than consuming computer games, Wixie encourages children to create – create artwork, stories, diagrams, designs, and more.

As you explore some of the ideas in this guide, listen to your child. Allow them to drive the activities and take them wherever their interests lead. Passion for learning is perhaps the most important thing you can teach your child at this age.



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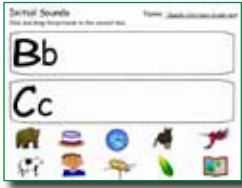
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Reading and Writing

Reading

Students match sounds to letters to learn to hear and say the separate sounds in words.

Starts with B or C



Your child is beginning to explore how letters look and sound. In this activity, work with your child to click and drag the images to put them in the box to show the correct initial sound.

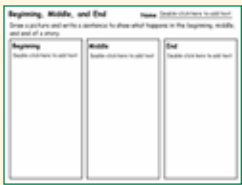
Search for “Starts with B or C” at the Wixie home page

Your child can also use Wixie to make a word journal of everyday words (e.g. it, go, see, up...). They can use the stamp tool to create the words and then record their voice saying the word. Playing the recording back to them while viewing the word will help them master the sounds.

Reading

Students read and talk about books every day.

Beginning, Middle, and End



Have your child describe the beginning, middle, and end of a story you are reading at home. Choose a story and work with your child to write and draw what happens at the beginning, middle, and end of a story.

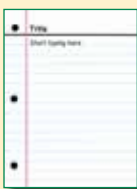
Search for “Begin and End” at the Wixie home page

Your child can also use Wixie to summarize a recent event like a family vacation or a holiday telling what happened at the beginning, middle, and end.

Writing

Students write every day on topics that interest them.

Writing Page



The computer engages kids in practicing things they might not normally enjoy, such as writing. Use the Text tool or letter stamps with your child to write sentences and stories. Paint pictures, or find them in the Stickers tab, to represent the story.

Search “Writing” or “Stationery” at the Wixie home page

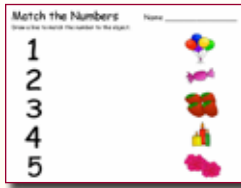
Your child can also use the Stamp tool in Wixie to write their name. Have them add stickers from the Library to match the sound for each letter.

Mathematics

Numbers and Operations

Students start to recognize numbers in the world around them.

Match Numbers



Children enjoy showing off their counting skills. Work with your child to draw or add pictures from the Stickers to show the correct number.

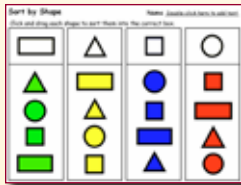
Search "Match Numbers" at the Wixie home page

Your child can also use Wixie to extend the counting from 6 to 10 by typing the numbers and dragging stickers from the Library to represent the number.

Algebra

Students begin to identify objects by shape, color, and size.

Sort by Shape



Young children naturally see and identify patterns in everyday life. You can help your child build on this skill by working with them to identify and match shapes.

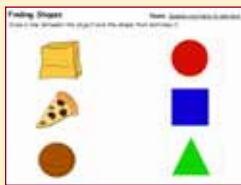
Search "Sort by Shape" at the Wixie home page

Work with your child to take a digital picture of an item in your home. Open the picture in Wixie (Open button) the file and use the paint tools to outline the shape or shapes in the picture.

Geometry

Students name and describe the shapes they see around them.

Match Shapes



Children begin to see math in the shapes around them. In this activity your child will recognize everyday objects and drag the shapes associated with them.

Search "Match Shapes" at the Wixie home page

Talk to your child about the shapes that you see when you are together – for example different wheels on cars, trucks, and bikes. Your child can then use Wixie to draw a picture of objects that have the same shape.

Mathematics (continued)

Measurement

Students learn the days of the week and begin to compare objects by size, length, and weight.

Which weighs more?



Your child currently uses nonstandard units to measure items in their environment. In this activity students circle which item weighs more than the other.

Search "Weight" at the Wixie home page

Your child can also use Wixie to create a simple weekly calendar. Have them illustrate the activities they have scheduled to do for the week on each day. Discuss with your child "Today is Tuesday. Yesterday was Monday." and so on.

Data Analysis and Probability

Students learn to group objects (organize data) based on a particular feature.

Sort by Color



You can help your child start to recognize common characteristics so they can begin to organize and understand data. Work with your child to complete this activity by dragging the correct color to the correct shape.

Search "Sort by Color" at the Wixie home page

Your child can also use Wixie to organize and sort objects. For example, work with your child to find objects in or around your house that are all orange, or shaped like a circle, or small. Your child can paint a picture of this collection in Wixie.

Science

Inquiry Skills

Students begin to ask questions about the world around them.

Find Out About Your World



As you are walking around your neighborhood, or riding in the car, ask your child to tell you what they see or hear (make observations). Work with your child in Wixie to begin describing and asking questions about what they observed.

Search [“Inquiry - Primary”](#) at the Wixie home page

Your child can also use Wixie to create a book about their the neighborhood. Have them write and draw pictures to describe what they observe in front of their house, at the neighbors, or down the street.

Physical Science

Students use their senses to observe the world around them and describe what they find.

Loud or Quiet



As you play with your child, ask them what they see, hear, touch, and smell. Work with your child in Wixie to identify noises that are loud and quiet.

Search [“Loud and Quiet”](#) at the Wixie home page

Your child can use Wixie to create a Five Senses book, located in the Five Senses folder in Activities, to identify their senses and what they use them for in their surrounding environment.

Life Science

Students study how plants and animals live, move, and grow.

Things That Move



Children are fascinated by the living world around them. During the day, ask your child to identify things that move and things that don't move. In Wixie, have your child sort objects that move and do not move.

Search [“Things that Move”](#) at the Wixie home page

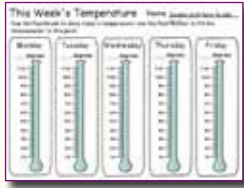
Talk with your child about how living things move and grow. Work with your child to use Wixie to write and draw a picture that shows several things that are alive.

Science (continued)

History and Nature of Science

Students learn how science is used in daily life.

Temperature



Children are familiar with hearing adults talk about the weather. Discuss how knowing the temperature helps you plan what to wear or do for the day. Work with your child to document the temperature everyday for a week.

Search "Temperature" at the [Wixie home page](#)

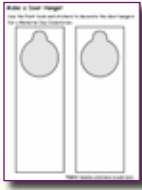
Talk with your child about how people use science every day. For example, a parent knows how temperature affects food (kitchen scientist) and a mechanic knows what makes an engine work (car scientist). Have your child use Wixie to draw a picture of one way they use science.

Social Studies

Citizenship

Students learn what it means to be a good citizen.

Door Hanger



Discuss with your child the basic principles of what it means to be a good citizen. Decorate a door hanger that shows what good citizenship looks like in a family environment.

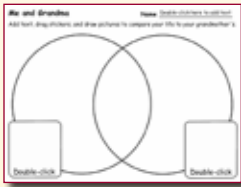
Search “Door Hanger” at the Wixie home page

Your child is beginning to recognize symbols and understand what they stand for. Use Wixie to add an American flag and add words and images that represent what it means to be a citizen of the United States.

Culture

Students learn about their family.

Me and Grandma



Children in Kindergarten begin to notice some families are different than others. Work with your child to draw a picture of the members of your family.

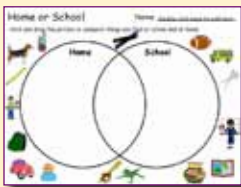
Search “All About Me” at the Wixie home page

Use the activity as the starting point for a book about your family. Have your child use Wixie to draw pictures of and write sentences about other family members.

Time, Continuity, and Change

Students learn how people’s activities change over time.

Home or School



Now that your child is going to school they may talk about the difference in things they do at school and home. Talk to your child about how people do different things and act differently in different places.

Search “Home and School ” at the Wixie home page

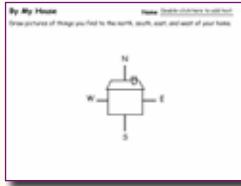
A typical morning in your household may consist of reminding your child of certain things they need to take to school. Your child can use Wixie to draw a picture or create a chart of the things they need to do before they go to school.

Social Studies (continued)

Space and Place

Students learn about where they live in the world.

By My House



Children begin to understand where their home is in relationship to their neighborhood. Work with your child to write and draw pictures about things they find in the neighborhood around your house.

Search “By My House” at the Wixie home page

Your child can use Wixie to mark on a United States (or single state) map the place where you live. Work with your child to think of people you know (family, president, television character) in other places around the country and mark where they live as well.

Individual Development and Identity

Students learn to identify feelings and emotions.

Feelings



Your child is beginning to recognize their feelings and identify emotions in others. Work with your child to observe and document their feelings on a daily basis.

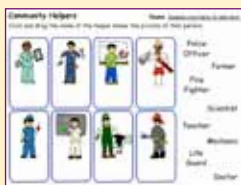
Search “Feelings” at the Wixie home page

Your child can use Wixie to draw a picture of something that makes them happy or sad. You can also use Wixie to capture images from a web cam of your child making a happy, sad, or angry face. Add text to label each image and create a guide for identifying or labeling feelings.

Individuals, Groups, and Institutions

Students learn about the different roles of people in the community.

Helpers



After going on an errand like the post office or the doctor’s, talk to your child about how your family relies on community helpers.

Search “Helpers” at the Wixie home page

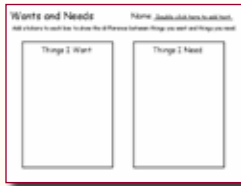
You may have roles and responsibilities in your home. Have your child use Wixie to create a list of rules for what to do after dinner (e.g. clear the table, do dishes, put food away, etc.). Hang the poster in the kitchen for all household members to see.

Social Studies (continued)

Production, Distribution and Consumption

Students learn the basic needs of their family and the difference between wants and needs.

Wants and Needs



Discuss with your child the basic needs of your family. Work with your child in this activity to explore the difference between wants and needs and begin to see that wants are not necessary for people to live.

Search "Wants and Needs" at the Wixie home page

Help your child use Wixie to create a list of jobs that need to get done during the week in the home. Hang the list somewhere for all family members to see. At the end of the week have a discussion with all family members and have your child ask everyone how it was to have a list.

Power, Authority, and Governance

Students learn how rules are necessary and begin to identify rules in and around the school, as well as at home.

Family Rules



Your child is beginning to understand that home and school rules are necessary for order and fairness as well as for safety and health. In this activity they will identify rules in and around the house, and recognize the consequences of not following rules.

Search "House Rules" at the Wixie home page

Draw a line down the middle of a page in Wixie. Type a family rule at the top. Have your child use the paint tools to draw a picture on one side of what it looks like to follow that rule and what it looks like to break that rule on the other side.

Science, Technology, and Society

Students discover how different people use technology and care for the earth.

With A Computer



Discuss with your child how you use a computer versus how they use a computer. Work with your child to draw a picture and add narration to describe how they use a computer.

Search "With a Computer" at the Wixie home page

Read books with your child that talk about different places and people on the Earth. You're your child to use Wixie to draw a picture about this place and describe how it is different from the place and way you live at home.

Social Studies (continued)

Global Connections

Students learn the world is made up of individuals with different languages and backgrounds.

Numbers – Numeros



1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
uno	dos	tres	cuatro	cinco
seis	siete	ocho	nueve	diez

Children are constantly curious about the world around them, especially groups of people different than them. In this activity, help your child learn to count to ten in Spanish to gain an understanding of the language.

Search “Numbers - Numeros” at the [Wixie home page](#)

Read books with your child about different cultures and the regions in which they are located. Have them create a postcard for a family member as if they are visiting that location. Help your child type text to describe and support their picture.