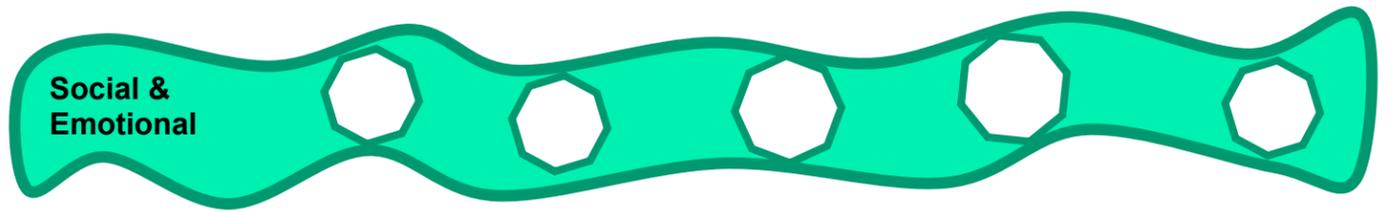
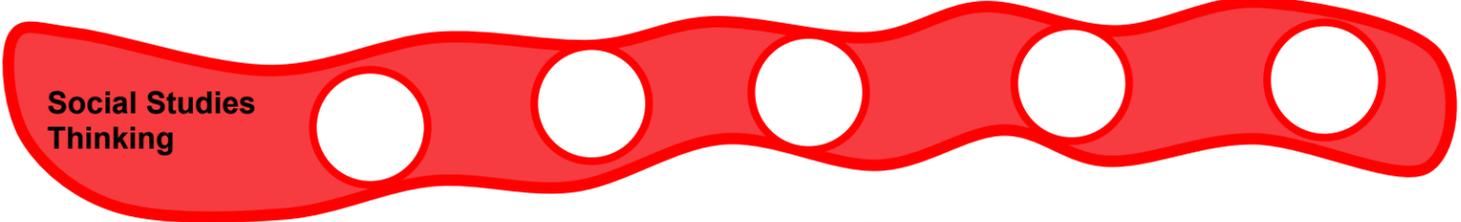
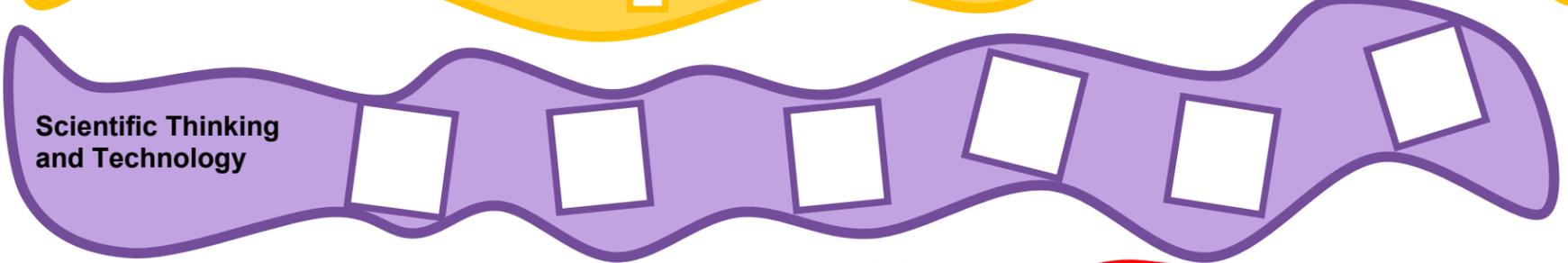
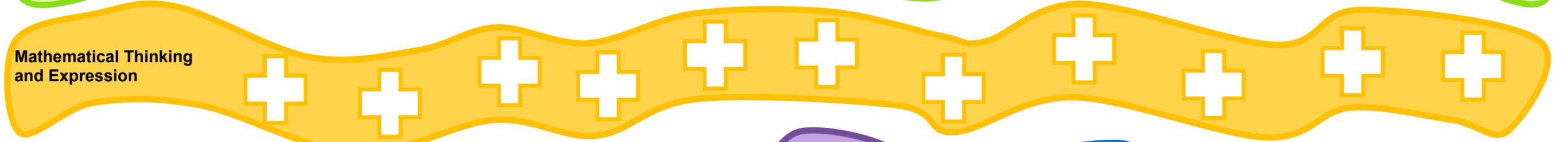
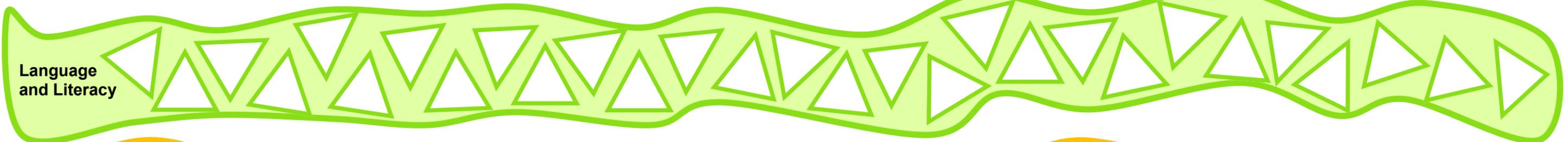




My Path to Kindergarten!



Have your child fill in a SHAPE for each skill mastered from the Kindergarten Readiness Checklist on the back.



For activities to help your child develop these skills, visit www.ErieTogether.org/kindergarten-readiness or contact Early Connections at (814) 874-0144 ext 15 to find out how to get your FREE parent tool kit.

The Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

Language and Literacy Development



Listening and Speaking

- ▽ Follow multiple step directions
- ▽ Listen and respond to conversations with others
- ▽ Speak clearly using multiple word sentences
- ▽ Ask and answer questions

Book Handling/Directionality

- ▽ Hold books appropriately
- ▽ Understand that print contains a message and moves from left to right and top to bottom
- ▽ Identify the front, back and title page of a book

Story Sense/Comprehension

- ▽ Make predictions based on pictures & background knowledge
- ▽ Retell stories with some understanding of sequence (beginning, middle, and end)
- ▽ Understand the concept of an author & an illustrator
- ▽ Make personal connections & answer questions
- ▽ Understand the difference between real & make-believe
- ▽ Identify characters, setting, and main events
- ▽ Ask questions about unfamiliar words
- ▽ Able to repeat sentences/phrases in books

Letters and Words

- ▽ Recognize and write their name (upper case followed by lower case)
- ▽ Recognize some upper and lower case letters
- ▽ Link some letter names with sounds
- ▽ Name rhyming words
- ▽ Clap syllables with assistance
- ▽ Identify and say beginning sounds of words (initial sounds)
- ▽ Recite rhymes and songs
- ▽ Understand the difference between letters and words
- ▽ Recognize everyday print (traffic signs, cereal boxes)

Writing

- ▽ Draw a recognizable picture
- ▽ Explain and label pictures
- ▽ Form letters from top to bottom
- ▽ Attempt to write words
- ▽ Understand that words are connected to print

Social & Emotional Skills



- Greet others, say please, thank you, and excuse me
- Share and take turns with others
- Show respect for self, others, and authority
- Share feelings, thoughts, and needs
- Follow classroom routines at home and in the classroom

Mathematical Thinking and Expression

- + Understand the difference between letters and numbers
- + Identify colors, shapes, and repeating patterns
- + Show some sense of different and alike
- + Match and sequence objects and pictures
- + Count to twenty
- + Identify and write some numbers 0-10
- + Point to objects and count each one up to 10
- + Solve puzzles
- + Understand simple graphs
- + Sort objects by shape, size and color
- + Describe the position of objects (behind, in front, above)



Scientific Thinking and Technology

- Recognize the difference between living and non-living things
- Identify basic needs of plants and animals
- Identify the parts of a person
- Make a prediction and investigate
- Name the four seasons
- Name some technologies used at school and home (phone, computer, TV, camera)



Social Studies Thinking

- Awareness of rules and consequences for breaking a rule
- Identify basic American symbols (American Flag, bald eagle, state flag, etc.)
- Identify a problem and discuss possible solutions
- Identify needs and wants
- Make a choice and explain the reason



Creative Thinking and Expression

- ☆ Initiate music and movement activities
- ☆ Use a variety of art materials (crayons, pencils, markers, paint, chalk, play-dough)
- ☆ Draw a self-portrait



Health, Wellness & Physical Development

- ♥ Hop, skip, and jump
- ♥ Button, tie, snap, and zip
- ♥ Hold writing, cutting, & eating utensils
- ♥ Use scissors and glue
- ♥ Dress independently (coat, shoes, boots, etc.)
- ♥ Participate in games and songs
- ♥ Point to body parts when asked
- ♥ Identify healthy and non-healthy foods
- ♥ Practice basic hygiene routines with reminders (hand washing, tooth brushing)
- ♥ Follow basic safety rules



Ready

Set

Go...

Kindergarten

My name is

This is a picture of me ready for kindergarten!

Track your progress along the path to Kindergarten

Did you know, most school districts hold Kindergarten registration January through April?
Call your school district today for more information on registration and age requirements.