ACTIVITY CARDS SCOPE AND SEQUENCE OF SKILLS

CARD	SKILL	CARD	SKILL
CARD 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Matching colors Matching colors Matching an object to its color Matching an object to its color Matching same color objects Matching same color objects Matching color to color word Matching color to color word Matching object to its outline Matching shapes	CARD 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36	Matching numbers (1-5) Matching numbers (6-10) Matching numbers (11-15) Matching numbers (16-20) Matching numbers to sets (1-5) Matching numbers to sets (6-10) Matching numbers to sets (1-10) Matching numbers to sets (16-20) Matching equivalent sets (1-6) Matching equivalent sets (1-6) Matching number to number word (1-6)
11 12 13 14 15 16 17	Matching shapes Matching an object to its shape Matching an object to its shape Matching same shape objects Matching same shape objects Matching shape to shape word Matching shape to shape word	37 38 39 40 41 42	Matching number to number word (7-12) Matching set to number word (1-6) Matching set to number word (7-12) Sequencing numbers (1-5) Sequencing numbers (6-10) Sequencing numbers (11-15)
18 19 20	Completing a two-color pattern Completing a two-color pattern Completing a three-color pattern	43 44 45	Sequencing numbers (16-20) Counting sets review Counting sets bar graph
21 22 23 24	Completing a two-shape pattern Completing a two-shape pattern Completing a three-shape pattern Completing a pattern by size	46 47 48 49	Matching money Matching money to amount Matching equivalent amounts Matching equivalent amounts

Completing a pattern by size 25

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Grades Pre-K and up



MATH READINESS CENTER

Teacher's Guide

The Math Readiness Center is a hands-on approach to developing beginning skills such as: color. shape, and number recognition; counting, sequencing, and completing a pattern; and understanding money values. Young learners practice these important early skills using a combination of fun manipulative materials—large, chunky tiles, a "work" tray, and colorful, self-checking activity cards.

TILES

The Math Readiness Center contains 100 plastic tiles-

20 color tiles, 16 shape tiles,

- 32 number and set tiles.
- 10 money tiles, and 22 pattern tiles.

Tile borders are color-coded by category

to go with the activity cards, enabling students to easily determine the tiles necessary for the task. For example, all shape tiles and the cards with which they are used have pink borders, while all number tiles and the cards with which they are used have yellow borders. The Activity Cards Scope and Sequence of Skills on the back of this guide shows the colors associated with the card and tile categories.

Though printed on sturdy card stock, the cards will be more durable if you laminate them before use.

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Matching prices to objects

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ACTIVITY CARDS

Fifty self-checking activity cards provide lots of opportunities for active, independent learning and reinforcement of teacher-directed lessons. The front of each card has a skill-building task and an example, so non-readers can work independently. The back of

TRAY

each card shows the solution to the task. The cards have borders that are colorcoded to go with the tiles, enabling you (or your students) to quickly and easily identify cards for center or lesson preparation. See the back cover of this guide for a complete listing of skills to help you plan your



of skills to help you plan your lessons.



The set includes a sturdy, plastic "work" tray. The tray is tilted for easy tile positioning and viewing. A built in "ledge" holds the activity cards in place, enabling students to focus on the task.

USING YOUR MATH READINESS CENTER

The tiles, tray, and activity cards in your *Math Readiness Center* make a motivating learning center activity. Demonstrate to students how to use the tray and self-correcting activity cards, then place them in your center.

You can also use your *Math Readiness Center* for teacher-directed activities with individual students or small groups. Here are some fun, hands-on activities that reinforce early skills.

Color or Shape Grab Bag

Place one each of either the color or shape tiles in a paper bag. Have a student reach into the bag and withdraw a tile. The student names the color or shape and points out something in the classroom that is the same color or shape (for example, a rectangle and the classroom door). The game continues until all tiles have been played.

It's In the Bag

Choose a category of tile pairs, such as the tiles with the numbers 1-12 and the set tiles. Place each tile in a small paper bag. Give a bag to each student. Play some music. Encourage students to mingle as the music plays. Each time the music stops, students compare the contents of their bags with the student nearest to them. If the tiles are a pair, the students sit down together. When all students have "met their match," the groups share their pairs with their classmates.

Tile Concentration

Choose six or more pairs of tiles (colors and colored objects, money and money values, etc.). Turn them over on a flat playing surface. Have a student turn over two tiles. If they match (for example, a red crayon and red socks), the student keeps the pair. If not, it is the next student's turn. When all pairs have been matched, the game is over.

What's Missing?

Set out 8-12 tiles on a flat surface. Discuss the pictures, shapes, colors, or numbers on the tiles. Have students close or cover their eyes. Remove one of the tiles. Ask students to determine which tile is missing. As your students' skills develop, add more tiles or remove more than one tile at a time. For an additional challenge, choose tiles in a single category, such as numbers or shapes, for students to remember.

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Number Order

Have a student arrange the number tiles in sequential order from 1 to 20. Then ask the student questions that reinforce the correct sequence, such as: "What number comes after 3?" "What number comes before 6?" "What number comes between 8 and 10?"

Pattern Play

Encourage students to use the pattern tiles (bordered in lime green) to create their own patterns. Have them challenge their classmates to complete them.