

ELA Kindergarten Tasks

Task Name	Task Description
999 Tadpoles and Glass Frog	Students listen to a story and a poem read aloud during this task and identify key story elements, the role of the author and illustrator, and how stories and poems are different. They focus on learning retelling skills.
Amazing Animals: Snakes	This task is designed to be paired with the task using the text <i>Snakes</i> . In this task, students read to learn more about these amazing animals and to identify basic similarities and differences between the two texts and the facts learned about snakes. Students share their opinion on which of the two books they prefer in a written response.
George Flies South	Students listen to a story about a character who tries something new, explore key details and events, and then write a retelling of the story.
Me, Jane	Students read to learn about Jane Goodall and her work in Africa. Each student writes a page for a class book to share what has been learned.
Mouse Count and The Diamond Back Snake	Students read both a literary story and a poem and practice their retelling skills.
Snakes	In this task, students read an informational text to learn scientific information about snakes. Each student composes one page for a class book to share information learned. This task is designed to be paired with the <i>Amazing Animals: Snakes</i> . If both tasks are done, teachers will likely want to do this task prior to the one using <i>Amazing Animals: Snakes</i> .

Math Kindergarten Tasks

Task Name	Task Description
Breaking Apart Numbers	Students find all the ways to decompose numbers up to 10 (e.g., breaking 9 into $8 + 1$) using visual, manipulative, or numeric representations.
Counting Stories	Students create stories that can be used to pose situations and ask mathematical questions to be answered by other students.
Creating Teen Numbers	Students use cubes and layered cards to represent teen numbers as $10 +$ some ones.
How Many Do I Have?	In this game, one student arranges a “secret” number of cubes in a particular way (line, circle, array, or scattered) and the other student counts the cubes to determine the number of objects.
Pairs That Make 10	Students play a game using counters, cards, and dice to build their understanding of numbers that sum to 10.
Two Numbers	Students play a game using numeral cards and dice to build their understanding and skill of addition and subtraction.

ELA Grade 1 Tasks

Task Name	Task Description
A Dragonfly's Life	Students engage with an informational text to answer the question "How do dragonflies change over time"? Then they create a narrative that incorporates what they have learned about the life cycle of a dragonfly.
A Visitor for Bear	Students engage with a literary story read aloud to learn more about the friendship between two characters in the story. Then, they write character descriptions and an explanation of why the characters want to be friends.
Duck	In this task, students listen to a read aloud of a story about two friends. The students identify the author's central message, describe the characters and then write an opinion piece.
Pig Trilogy	In this task, students listen to or read three versions of the adventures and experiences of a well-known fairy tale (The Three Little Pigs). They describe, compare, and contrast the events in the different versions and write an opinion piece.
Procedural Texts	Using echo reading, students read two procedural texts to make art projects. Then, students compare the directions to learn more about what makes for good procedural direction writing. Students write their own how-to directions.
Wangari's Trees of Peace	In this task, students listen to a read aloud about how someone made her home a better place by planting trees and helping to create peace. Students describe how events develop and interact over the course of the text and then write to explain their understanding to others.

Math Grade 1 Tasks

Task Name	Task Description
Be a "Smart" Calculator	Students draw and arrange number cards in order to find the sum in an efficient manner.
Comparing Two-Digit Numbers	Students build two-digit numbers using objects, drawings, and layered cards, and compare the numbers using $<$, $>$, and $=$ symbols.
Creating and Solving Word Problems	Students pose mathematical questions about a situation and solve various addition and subtraction problems related to the situation.
"Making and Breaking" Two-Digit Numbers	Students create two-digit numbers using drawings, layered cards, and written numerals, and also say the count-word.
The Equality Game	Playing in pairs, students work together to form equations that make true statements.
Unknown Numbers	Students draw number cards and roll number cubes as they develop their ability to determine an unknown number in an addition or subtraction equation relating three whole numbers.

ELA Grade 2 Tasks

Task Name	Task Description
Ant and Grasshopper	In this task, students read two versions of the same story (one through a read aloud and one through a read alone experience). They describe how the characters respond to challenges, identify character point of view, and write to compare and contrast the two versions of the story.
Giant Pacific Octopus	In this task, students read and do research to learn about the giant octopus. They use the facts they learn to develop a realistic narrative about a fictitious octopus.
Miss Moore Thought Otherwise	In this task, students read to learn about a woman who made a difference in her community by founding a children’s library. They share their new learning with others in a written response.
Tia Isa Wants a Car	In this task, students listen to a literary story about a family that sets a goal and works towards that goal together. Students explore character in several ways and then use their understanding to write about the lesson the story shares.

Math Grade 2 Tasks

Task Name	Task Description
Adding and Subtracting within 100, 1000	Students roll number cubes to create addition and subtraction problems to solve in a game-like format.
Math Libs: Solving Two-Step Word Problems	In this game, students choose objects and numbers according to given criteria and solve addition and subtraction word problems based on their choices.
Scavenger Hunt: Comparing Length Units	Students “hunt” for objects in the classroom and measure them using a variety of units (inches, centimeters, and feet), comparing the measurements to describe the relationship among the units.
Using Stories to Solve One-Step Word Problems	Students listen to stories that pose a variety of addition and subtraction problems to solve.