

School Readiness

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Leaping Learners Program

The Leaping Learners School Readiness Program has been designed by early childhood educators with over 17 years' experience teaching 3-5 year old children, who are making their transition to 'big' school. We have a comprehensive understanding of the skills children need to develop so they can excel at school, and of the strategies that children respond to best, in the attainment of these skills.

The activities within the Leaping Learners books are aimed to develop children's skills to assist them to make a positive bridge between home and school. As a parent, working on a one-to-one basis with your child enhances the development of language, cognitive and social skills. This time also provides you with an understanding of your child's areas of strength, and of the skills that your child finds challenging or that need further development. Children thoroughly enjoy being engaged in hands-on activities that will prepare them for school. The Leaping Learners program will give you the information to assist your child in becoming a 'Leaping Learner'.

The Leaping Learners books present stimulating activities that children can immerse themselves in to achieve the necessary skills for a positive transition to school. The pictures that are included are based on young children's interests, to engage them and give them prior knowledge to facilitate conversations with their parents.

When to send your child to formal schooling can be one of the most confusing questions for parents. There are so many aspects to consider, from the informed opinions of the early childhood educator and the prospective school's principal, to your personal opinions or experiences. The following information may assist you in making this important decision:

1.1. The legal age for children to start school in NSW is 6 years old – that is children can start school in the year that they are turning 6. Many parents assume their children must go to school in the year they turn 5. The extra year gives children, especially boys, a chance to grow in maturity and confidence. A "rule of thumb" is: girls should be enrolled in school if they turn 5 years old before May, and for boys, it should be 5 years old before March.

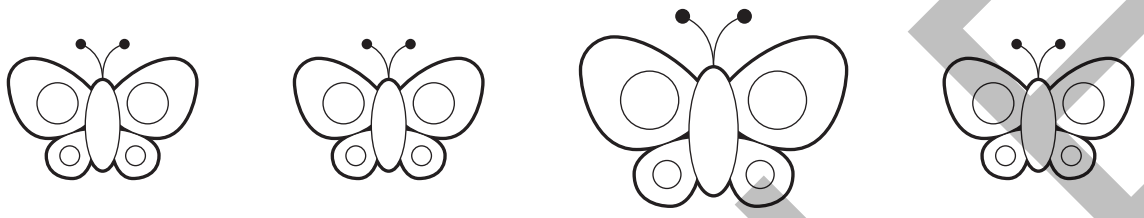
1.2. When children make the transition to school in the year they turn 6 years old, they have more of the skills to make a positive transition to school. This can also benefit them in later life – to walk the bridge to high school, to complete the Higher School Certificate, to move onto further education and to enter their chosen careers.

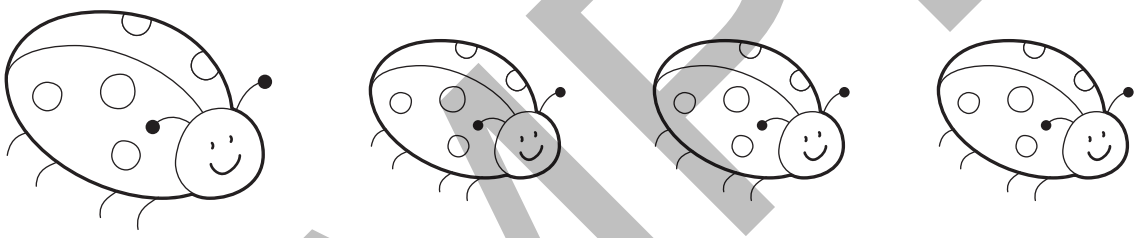
1.3. Is your child emotionally and socially ready to make the transition to school? These skills are far more important from an educator's point of view than any other skill, in determining school readiness.

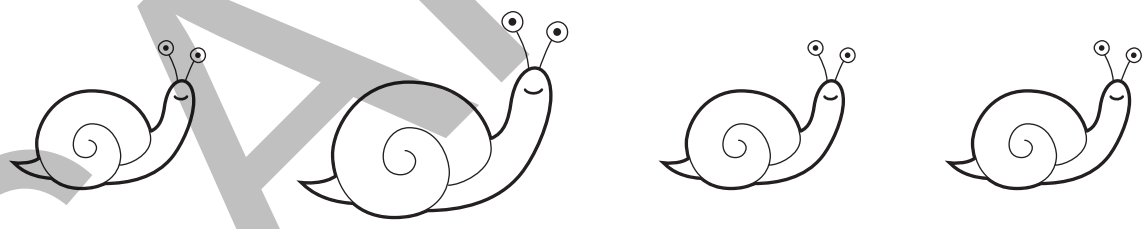
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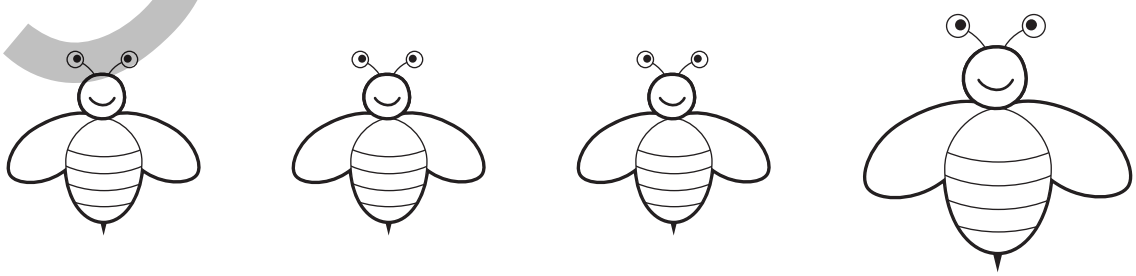
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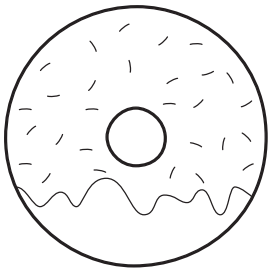




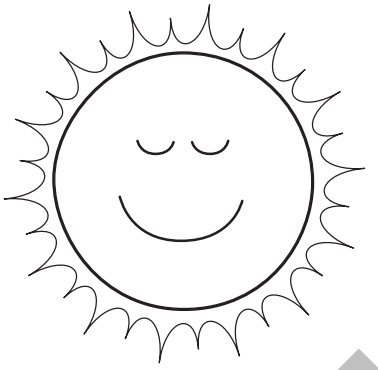


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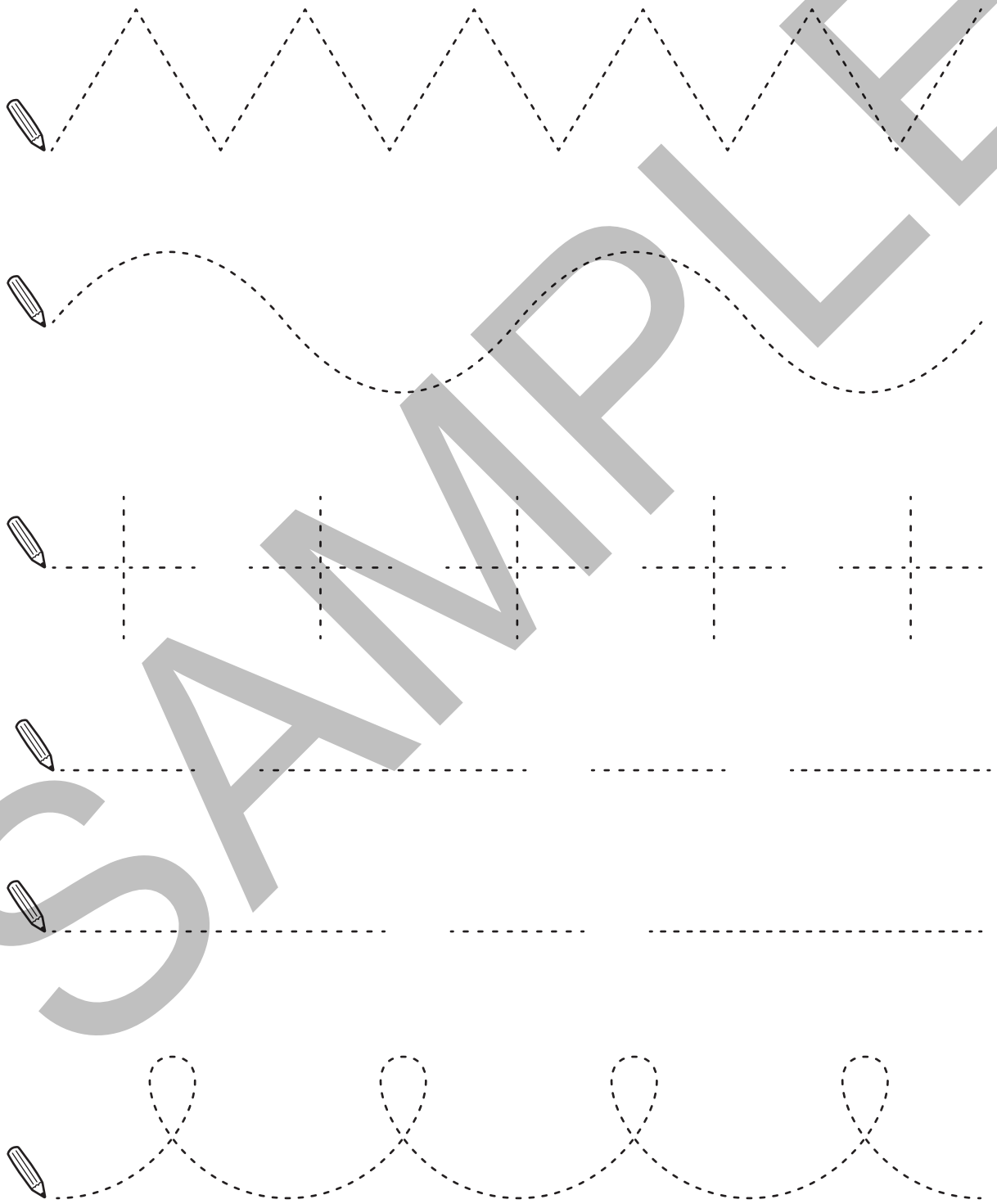
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Complete the circles below.

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Tracing lines

Trace the dotted lines below.



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Getting to know you

My favourite TV show is: _____

My height is: _____

My weight is: _____

My eye colour is: _____

My hair colour is: _____

I am _____ years old.

I like to wear: _____

Name 2 things you like to do with your family:

1. _____

2. _____

I have _____ pets.

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