

**COMMON CORE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS
AND RANGE OF COMPLEXITY
*KINDERGARTEN***

Kindergarten Mathematics Standards: *Counting and Cardinality*

CCSS Grade-Level Clusters	Common Core Essential Elements	Range of Complexity Examples
Know number names and the count sequence		AA Student Will:
K.CC.1. Count to 100 by ones and by tens.	EEK.CC.1. Starting with one, count to 10 by ones.	<p>EEK.CC.1. Starting with any number greater than one, count to 10 by ones. Ex. Count numbers to 10 starting with one and any number great than one and less than 10. Ex. Count sequentially to 10 starting with one, independent of objects, pictures, or things as a student would recite the alphabet. Ex. Count with or without one-to-one correspondence numbers beyond 10. Ex. Count groups of 10. Ex. Count backwards from 10.</p> <p>EEK.CC.1. Starting with one, count to 10 by ones. Ex. Count number to 10 verbally. Ex. Count without one-to-one correspondence to 10 starting with one by rote. Ex. Sequentially sing numbers to 10 starting with one.</p> <p>EEK.CC.1. Starting with one, count by ones to five. Ex. Count own fingers to five verbally. Ex. Sequentially, count sequence to five either independent of objects, pictures, or things as a student would recite the alphabet or by pointing. Ex. Count without one-to-one correspondence to five. Ex. Sequentially sing numbers to five. Ex. Sing along to counting song.</p> <p>EEK.CC.1. Count with teacher from one to two. Ex. Count with the teacher to two.</p>
K.CC.2. Count forward beginning from a given number within the known sequence (instead of having to begin at one).	EEK.CC.2. N/A	
K.CC.3. Write numbers from 0 to 20. Represent a number of objects with a written numeral 0-20 (with 0 representing a count of no objects).	EEK.CC.3. N/A	

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<i>Count to tell the number of objects</i>		AA Students will:
<p>K.CC.4. Understand the relationship between numbers and quantities; connect counting to cardinality.</p> <p>When counting objects, say the number names in the standard order, pairing each object with one and only one number name and each number name with one and only one object.</p> <p>Understand that the last number name said tells the number of objects counted. The number of objects is the same regardless of their arrangement or the order in which they were counted.</p> <p>Understand that each successive number name refers to a quantity that is one larger.</p>	<p>EEK.CC.4. Demonstrate one-to-one correspondence pairing each object with one and only one number and each name with only one object.</p>	<p>EEK.CC.4. Demonstrates one-to-one correspondence with more than one.</p> <p>Ex. When counting objects, say the number names in standard order and pair each object with one and only one number name.</p> <p>Ex. Pass pencils out to classmates and count the pencils as each classmate gets a pencil.</p> <p>Ex. Uses one-to-one correspondence when counting up to 10 common objects in the classroom (crayons, blocks, buttons).</p> <p>Ex. Count out 10 pennies to exchange for a dime.</p> <p>Ex. Sing a counting song and raise the correct number of fingers with each number.</p> <p>Ex. Count dots on dice and move forward corresponding number of spaces on game board.</p> <p>Ex. Round robin count to 10.</p> <p>EEK.CC.4. Demonstrate one-to-one correspondence pairing each object with one and only one number and each name with only one object.</p> <p>Ex. Uses one-to-one correspondence when counting up to five common objects in classroom (crayons, blocks, buttons).</p> <p>Ex. Create sets of objects to five.</p> <p>Ex. Place corresponding number of beans in an egg carton with each section labeled 1-5.</p> <p>Ex. Move beads on an abacus as another student counts one to five.</p> <p>Ex. Given an egg carton, place five stickers in each section.</p> <p>EEK.CC.4. Demonstrate one object's correspondence with one object.</p> <p>Ex. Uses one-to-one correspondence when counting up to three common objects in classroom (crayons, blocks, buttons).</p> <p>Ex. Given bowls, place three balls in each.</p> <p>Ex. Match objects by pairing each object with one and only one other number.</p> <p>Ex. Given "one" letter in each student's mailbox to go home.</p> <p>EEK.CC.4. With guidance and support, count one object.</p> <p>Ex. Place "one" letter in each student's mailbox to go home.</p> <p>Ex. Put one object in each section of an egg carton.</p> <p>Ex. Indicate "one" object when asked, "Where is one <u><name of familiar object>?</u>"</p>

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<i>Count to tell the number of objects</i>		AA Students will:
		Ex. Give one pencil to each classmate.
<p>K.CC.5. Count to answer “how many?” questions about as many as 20 things arranged in a line, a rectangular array, or a circle, or as many as 10 things in a scattered configuration; given a number from 1–20, count out that many objects.</p>	<p>EEK.CC.5. Count out up to three objects from a larger set, pairing each object with one and only one number name to tell how many.</p>	<p>EEK.CC.5. Counts five objects out of a group of more than five objects. Counts a given set of five objects, pairing each object with one and only one number name and when asked, “how many”, says five without recounting. Ex. Given a box of crayons, select five crayons as requested by teacher. Ex. Given a set of five objects, count out three objects. Ex. From an array of five objects, count each object in the group only one time and tell how many was in the group without recounting the objects. Ex. Count five children out of all the children only one time and tell how many without recounting.</p> <p>EEK.CC.5. Count out up to three objects from a larger set, pairing each object with one and only one number name to tell how many. Ex. Given an array of objects, count out three of the objects, counting each object only once and tell how many. Ex. Given a box of crayons, select three crayons as requested by teacher. Ex. Count out three counting bears from a group of five. Ex. Pass out three pages to each student from a stack of paper, counting one, two, three each time, and tell how many they gave to the students.</p> <p>EEK.CC.5. Counts either one or two objects out of a group of five objects. Ex. Given a box of crayons, select either one or two crayons as requested by teacher. Ex. Count out two counting bears from a group of five.</p> <p>EEK.CC.5. Identify one object out of a group of objects. Ex. Identify between a set with one or two apples when asked, “show me one apple” and make a choice. Ex. Go to the prize box and pick one object.</p>

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Compare numbers		AA Students will:
<p>K.CC.6. Identify whether the number of objects in one group is greater than, less than, or equal to the number of objects in another group, e.g., by using matching and counting strategies.</p>	<p>EEK.CC.6. Identify whether the number of objects in one group is more or less than (when the quantities are clearly different) or equal to the number of objects in another group.</p>	<p>EEK.CC.6. Identify whether the number of objects in one group is more or less than or equal to the number of objects in another group. Ex. Identify which group has more from two groups created by the teacher (e.g., The teacher creates two groups of manipulative objects whose total quantity is within three. Given two groups of blocks, for example, one group has seven blocks and the other has four, the student is able to identify which group has more blocks. The teacher asks which group has more and the student identifies it. Ex. Given two groups of blocks, one group has eight blocks and other has five, identify which group has less blocks. Ex. Given five papers to pass out to a group of eight students, indicate that there are MORE students than papers by counting the people and then counting the papers.</p> <p>EEK.CC.6. Identify whether the number of objects in one group is more or less (when the quantities are clearly different) or equal to the number of objects in another group. Ex. Given a choice of two boxes of blocks, one box with nine blocks and one box with four blocks, identify which box has more blocks. Ex. Given a choice of two boxes of blocks, one box with eight blocks and one box with four blocks, identify which box has fewer blocks.</p> <p>EEK.CC.6. Given two groups of dramatically different quantities of objects, identify which group has more. Ex. When two groups of objects are counted out to the student, identify which has more objects than another group (e.g., using matching and counting strategies). Ex. Given two bowls of snacks with a large difference in quantity, identify which has more. Ex. Given a choice of two boxes of blocks with a difference in quantity of at least twice the other, identify which has more.</p> <p>EEK.CC.6. Explore groups that have more and less. Ex. Using sand/water/ball tables with drastically different quantities of materials, explore the quantity while the teacher is talking about the language of more. Ex. Place silly bands/bangles/bells with drastically different quantities on the arms or legs of the students and explore the quantity of more while the teacher uses the language of more.</p>

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<i>Compare numbers</i>		AA Students will:
		Ex. Given two groups of buttons with very different amounts, identify the group that has “more” by pointing to picture symbols of more/less, big/small.
KK.CC.7. Compare two numbers between 1 and 10 presented as written numerals.	EEK.CC.7. N/A	

Kindergarten Mathematics Standards: *Operations and Algebraic Thinking*

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<i>Understand addition as putting together and adding to, and understand subtraction as taking apart and taking from</i>		AA Students will:
K.OA.1. Represent addition and subtraction with objects, fingers, mental images, drawings ¹ , sounds (e.g., claps), acting out situations, verbal explanations, expressions, or equations.	EEK.OA.1. Represent addition as “putting together” or subtraction as “taking from” in everyday activities.	EEK.OA.1. Represent addition as “putting together” and subtraction as “taking from” with quantities to 10. Ex. Combine two sets of objects, pictures, or things to make one set of 10 through the use of assistive technology or AAC device. Ex. Take away one set of objects from 10 and determine how many remain. Ex. Using a simple story context and objects, the student puts together and takes from as appropriate by directly modeling the problem with objects, actions, or symbols. Ex. Follow directions to gather enough materials for everyone and then passes them out to each student. Ex. Put a counting bear with a group to add or take away a counting bear to subtract. EEK.OA.1. Represent addition as “putting together” or subtraction as “taking from” in everyday activities. Ex. Identify the total number of crayons when one student has three crayons and

¹ Drawings need not show details, but should show the mathematics in the problem. (This applies wherever drawings are mentioned in the Standards.)

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<p><i>Understand addition as putting together and adding to, and understand subtraction as taking apart and taking from</i></p>		<p>AA Students will:</p> <p>another student has two, and they put their crayons together to share. Describe the action as put together. Ex. Add to a group of crayons when told to add to group. Ex. Take away from a group of crayons when told to take away from the group. Ex. Given five stickers, give another student one of the five stickers, and describes the action as take away. Ex. Join linking cubes to show action/process of putting together or addition. Ex. Break apart linking cubes/snap blocks/bristle blocks/pop-beads to show action/process of taking from or subtraction.</p> <p>EEK.OA.1. Follow directions to “put together” by adding one or “take from” by taking one. Ex. Given a bowl of counting bears, add a counting bear to the bowl. The teacher calls the action “putting together” or addition. Ex. Take one when the teacher is passing out supplies and directs the students to take one. The teacher calls the action “taking away” or subtraction. Ex. Place popsicle sticks into a circle and use language to describe addition or “putting together”. Ex. Using cubes, create towers by adding or taking away one cube at a time. Ex. Remove popsicle sticks from a circle and use language to describe subtraction or “taking from”.</p> <p>EEK.OA.1. “Put together” or “take from” with teacher. Ex. The teacher and student together add a block to a stack while teacher says, “put together.” Ex. The teacher and student together take a block from a stack while the teacher says, “take away.”</p>
<p>K.OA.2. Solve addition and subtraction word problems, and add and subtract within 10, e.g., by using objects or</p>	<p>EEK.OA.2. N/A</p>	

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<i>Understand addition as putting together and adding to, and understand subtraction as taking apart and taking from</i>		AA Students will:
drawings to represent the problem.		
K.OA.3. Decompose numbers less than or equal to 10 into pairs in more than one way by using objects or drawings, and record each decomposition by a drawing or equation (e.g., $5 = 2 + 3$ and $5 = 4 + 1$).	EEK.OA.3. N/A	
K.OA.4. For any number from 1 to 9, find the number that makes 10 when added to the given number, e.g., by using objects or drawings, and record the answer with a drawing or equation.	EEK.OA.4. N/A	
K.OA.5. Fluently add and subtract within 5.	EEK.OA.5. N/A	

Kindergarten Mathematics Standards: Number and Operations in Base Ten

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<i>Work with numbers 11-19 to gain foundations for place value</i>		AA Students will:
K.NBT.1. Compose and decompose numbers from 11 to 19 into ten ones and some further ones, e.g., by using objects or drawings, and record each composition or decomposition by a drawing or equation (such as $18 = 10 + 8$); understand that these numbers are composed of ten ones and one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, or nine ones.	EEK.NBT.1. N/A (See EEK.NBT.1.4 and EEK.NBT.1.6)	

Kindergarten Mathematics Standards: *Measurement and Data*

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Describe and compare measurable attributes		
<p>K.MD.1. Describe measurable attributes of objects, such as length or weight. Describe several measurable attributes of a single object.</p> <p>K.MD.2. Directly compare two objects with a measurable attribute in common, to see which object has “more of”/“less of” the attribute, and describe the difference. <i>For example, directly compare the heights of two children and describe one child as taller/shorter.</i></p> <p>Classify objects and count the number of objects in each category.</p> <p>K.MD.3. Classify objects into given categories; count the numbers of objects in each category</p>	<p>EEK.MD.1-3. Classify objects according to attributes (big/small, heavy/light).</p>	<p>AA Students will:</p> <p>EEK.MD.1-3. Order objects according to attributes (big/smaller/smallest, heavy/lighter/lightest). Ex. Given two backpacks of different weight, describe or demonstrate which one is heavier. Ex. Given two cubes of different sizes, describe or demonstrate which cube is bigger and which cube is smaller. Ex. Compare heights of two classmates to a standard such as a meter stick. Ex. Compare sports balls (baseball, basketball, tennis ball, etc.) using various lengths of yarn. Ex. Given blocks of varying sizes, identify which are heavier/lighter and smaller/bigger.</p> <p>EEK.MD.1-3. Classify objects according to attributes (big/small, heavy/light). Ex. Given a big book and a small book, describe or demonstrate which one is bigger and which one is smaller. Ex. Given the shoe of a student and the teacher, identify which one is bigger and which one is smaller. Ex. Sort heavy and light objects according to weight. Ex. Given the hand of a student in the class and the hand of the teacher, identify which one is bigger and which one is smaller. Ex. Given two objects of varying weight, describe or demonstrate which is heavy/light or large/small.</p> <p>EEK.MD.1-3. Using a model or a template, sort objects by one attribute (big/small or heavy/light). Ex. Sort counting bears by size using a model or template. Ex. Given two objects, where one is at least twice the size of the other, identify which one is bigger and which one is smaller with descriptive prompts from the teacher. Ex. Identify bigger ball when shown a beach ball and a tennis ball, and listening to the teacher use voice inflections and kinesthetic motions to exaggerate bigger and smaller. Ex. Identify the bigger ball when shown a golf ball and beach ball and listening to the teacher using voice inflections and motions to exaggerate. Ex. Sort objects in the classroom into groups of heavy and light (e.g., bowling ball, beach ball, and a rock). Ex. Given two pictures of real-life objects, select the bigger one.</p>

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<p><i>Describe and compare measurable attributes</i> and sort the categories by count.²</p>		<p>AA Students will: EEK.MD.1-3. Match objects by attribute big and small. Ex. Touch a large object (such as a pumpkin) as teacher describes it as big when compared to a smaller pumpkin toy. Ex. Indicate small pumpkin as teacher describes it as small when compared with a large pumpkin. Ex. Indicate if they want the big ball or the small ball.</p>

Kindergarten Mathematics Standards: *Geometry*

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<p><i>Identify and describe shapes (squares, circles, triangles, rectangles, hexagons, cubes, cones, cylinders, and spheres)</i> K.G.1. Describe objects in the environment using names of shapes, and describe the relative positions of these objects using terms such as <i>above, below, beside, in front of, behind, and next to.</i></p>	<p>EEK.G.1. Identify words of proximity to describe the relative position.</p>	<p>AA Students will: EEK.G.1. Use words referring to frames of reference or demonstrate relative position. Ex. Given manipulatives, follow directions to place them in proper position (put the dog behind the boy). Ex. When looking at birds outside the window, tell where the bird is (e.g., in the tree, or on the wire). Ex. Given a picture, indicate the object that is in the named position (point to the person standing in front of the window). Ex. Looking at a picture in a book, use the correct word to describe the position of items in the pictures. Ex. Play “Simon Says” using positional words. Ex. “Is the ball next to you, in front of you, or behind you?” Ex. Given a set of building blocks, stack them to demonstrate beside and between. EEK.G.1. Identify words of proximity to describe the relative position. Ex. Given manipulatives, follow direction to place them in proper position (one block “on</p>

² Limit category counts to be less than or equal to 10.

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		<p>top” of another).</p> <p>Ex. Given a picture, indicate the object that is in the named position (point to the person standing between the trees).</p> <p>Ex. Indicate where another teacher is relative to their position when walking side-by-side (e.g., “Am I walking next to you or beside you? Beside me?”).</p> <p>Ex. Indicate the relative position of a desk (e.g., beside).</p> <p>Ex. Given manipulatives, follow direction to place them in proper position (put the dog under the table).</p> <p>EEK.G.1. Respond to spatial words that describe relative position of an object using position terms (e.g., on, in, off).</p> <p>Ex. Given a picture, indicate the object that is in the named position (e.g., point to the person standing on the ladder).</p> <p>Ex. Play hide-and-seek with an object and tell the teacher where to hide it (on or in something). Another person comes in the room to find the object. The students tell them where the object is located (on or in something).</p> <p>Ex. After listening to a story, such as <i>Hop on Pop</i>, indicate answers to positional questions (e.g., “Is the ball in the box or outside of the box?”).</p> <p>Ex. Follow teacher directions when cleaning up from an activity by putting items away, such as put your crayons “in” your pencil box.</p> <p>Ex. Indicate choice when the teacher asks the student a series of questions, such as “do you want your hat ‘on’ your head or ‘in’ your backpack?” while preparing to go home.</p> <p>EEK.G.1. Repeat positional words during an activity or lesson in which the teacher demonstrates the relative position of an object.</p> <p>Ex. Repeat or indicate the positional word the teacher uses as (s)he moves the student to physically demonstrate position terms (on, in).</p> <p>Ex. Repeat “in” as the teacher puts on a student’s shoes and describes the action as putting the students’ feet in the shoe.</p>

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<p>K.G.2. Correctly name shapes regardless of their orientations or overall size.</p> <p>K.G.3. Identify shapes as two-dimensional (lying in a plane, “flat”; or three-dimensional, “solid”).</p>	<p>EEK.G.2-3. Match two-dimensional shapes (circle, square, triangle).</p>	<p>AA Students will:</p> <p>EEK.G.2-3. Match two-dimensional shapes that vary in size (circle, square, triangle). Ex. Given an assortment of shapes that vary in size, match the shapes according to shape and size. Ex. Using computer software, select a triangle and match it to a target triangle that is a different size. Ex. Given a circle, go on a “Circle Hunt” to find other examples of circles around the school.</p> <p>EEK.G.2-3. Match two-dimensional shapes (circle, square, triangle). Ex. Given a collection of pairs of identically sized shapes, match the shapes. Ex. Match shapes in an interactive whiteboard activity. Ex. Given four poker chips and four blocks, match the objects based on shape.</p> <p>EEK.G.2-3. Match a shape to its duplicate. Ex. Given one shape and shown two shapes, select the matching shape from the two choices to one of hers/his. Ex. Match a colored construction paper circle to an outline on paper. Ex. Complete a shape-sorting box.</p> <p>EEK.G.2-3. Repeat a model to match shapes. Ex. Match shaped objects with teacher model. Repeat after observing a teacher-directed matching activity routine involving shapes. Ex. Match shaped objects with teacher prompts. Repeat after observing the teacher match the correct shaped object to the same object. Ex. Repeat after observing the teacher use pictures cut from magazines that show circles and squares. Teacher holds up a picture and asks what shape it is, then places it on a large circle or square mat.</p>

