## Early Learning

## Learning Basic Skills

 with Fruit

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## Things to Know

Hamburger Fold-Fold horizontally


Hotdog Fold-Fold vertically


Folds-Labeled with a small line to show where the fold is and the words "hamburger fold" or "hotdog fold."
Dotted Lines-These are the cutting lines
Accordion Fold-This fold is like making a paper fan. Fold on the first line so that title is on top. Turn over and fold on next line so that title is on top again. Turn over again and fold again on the next line so that title is on top. Continue until all folds are done.

Cover Labels-Most of the booklets that are folded look nicer with a label on top instead of just a blank space. They will be labeled "cover label."

## So where do the mini-booklets go?

A shape-coded and labeled KEY is included. This key shows you where all of the minibooklets go in each folder. Keep this page handy! You'll also see at the top of the mini-booklet pages another graphic that shows once again where to place the booklet in each folder. So there are TWO ways to see where to place the booklet. We made it easy! You won't get lost.

## Lapbook Assembly Choices

(see photos on how to fold and glue your folders together) We recommend using Zip Dry Glue.

Choice \#1 -Do not glue your folders together until you have completely finished all three folders. It is easier to work with one folder instead of two or three glued together.

Choice \#2 -Glue all of your folders together before beginning. Some children like to see the entire project as they work on it. It helps with keeping up with which folder you are supposed to be working in. The choices are completely up to you and your child!

## How Long Does it Take to Complete the Lapbook?

Doing a study guide page and mini-booklet a day, a 3-folder lapbook takes about one month to complete. However, you can expand the study portion and make it last as long as you like! That's the beauty of homeschooling! Do it YOUR way!

## How It All Goes Together

## What you need to get started

*A printed copy of the lapbook by A Journey Through Learning
*3 colored file folders
*Scissors
*Glue
*Hole puncher
*Brads
*Stapler
To make the storage system (optional-directions under "Keeping it all together)
*Duct tape (preferably at least two different colors but not necessary)
*One 3 -ring binder

## Study Choices

Choice \#1- Read the first page of the study guide. Then use the internet and fun children's books to learn more about the topic that is covered in that study guide. For instance-our American Indians lapbook has a study guide page about Geronimo. Dig into Geronimo. There are probably lots of interesting things to learn about him that the study guide does not cover. Spend a day on Geronimo or spend a week! The pace you take for the lapbook is completely up to you. When your child has completed studying that particular topic, it will be time to do the mini-booklet for that topic. The mini-booklet patterns are found right after the study guide page that it goes with. Or, your child might want to do the minibooklet before he/she delves deeper into the subject. Once again, the order is completely up to you and your child.

Choice \#2- Read only the study guide page and do the mini-booklet that goes with it. The mini-booklet patterns are found right after the study guide page that it goes with. You may choose to do one study guide/mini-booklet per day, two per day, two per week, three per week, etc. It doesn't matter. The pace is completely up to you. At one per day, it will take about a month to complete a 3 folder lapbook.

## How to fold and connect the folders for your lapbook.



1. Gather the number of folders required for your particular lapbook.

2. Fold the left hand-side over just to the crease but not overlapping it. Your folder now has two flaps. We like to run a ruler down each fold to make the fold neater and flatter. Do steps 3 and 4 to the remaining folders.

3. Open up each folder and flatten it out.

4. Take two of the folders and apply a generous amount of glue to their flaps. We recommend using Zip Dry Paper Glue.

5. Take the right side and fold it all the way over until the tab is just before the middle crease in the folder. Do not overlap this crease with the tab.

6. Bring the flaps together and press so they stick together.

7. Do steps 5 and 6 to your remaining folders (if any).

8. The patterns for all the mini-booklets are provided. Just cut out, construct, and glue them into your lapbook. Refer to the color-coded placement page or the actual mini-booklet page for placement of each mini-booklet.

## Can I store all of my lapbooks in ONE location?

Yes! A Journey Through Learning has come up with a way that you can store all of your lapbooks from your books in ONE convenient location. A 3-ring binder serves as a great place to keep your lapbooks. This method of storage not only keeps your lapbooks from getting lost but also keeps them neat and readily available to show to dad, grandparents, friends, etc. When they are not being shown off, just place the binder on your bookshelf! On the next page, we have given you step-by-step directions (with pictures) of how to create a storage binder.

## How to make a storage system for your lapbook(s)



Roll out enough duct tape to go across the folders lengthwise.


Stick duct tape into hole puncher but be careful not to punch holes in your folders.


Put duct tape sticky side up. Place binded edge of lapbook on the duct tape (no more than $1 / 4$ inch!).


It will look like this.


Then stick duct tape to the other side again about $1 / 4$ inch. There will need to be enough tape to hole punch.


Store folders in 3-ring binder.

Booklet Placement Key
Folder 1


Folder 2


Folder 3


## Learning Basic Skills Lapbook

Preschoolers never had it so fun! Now they can do a lapbook just like big brother or sister! Your preschooler will practice basic skills such as counting, colors, weight, numbers, matching, comparisons, mazes, dot to dot and much more with this fruit themed lapbook!

Beginning Letters Color the Pictures
Repeat the Pattern Matching Game What Fruit is This Made From? Cooking
I Can Draw-(finish the pictures) Match the Fruit Where It Grows

Let's Count with M\&Ms Math with Fruit (half and whole)
Mixing Colors Numbers (1-5)
Fruits that are Red Apple Maze
I Can Write the Color Words Fruit Dot to Dot Drawing Faces My Name
Which Weighs More?
I Can Read (Johnny Appleseed)
Comparing Apples
Enrichment Activities (Fruit songs, poems, finger plays and crafts)


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## Lapbook



Name


Folder 1

Cut out the booklet and hotdog fold in half. Cut out the cover and glue on the front of the booklet. Directions: In each box, draw the letter each fruit begins with.



Cut out the booklet as one piece. Fold bottom square back on the middle line and then fold back the two flaps. Glue the flaps down to form a pocket. Glue into lapbook.
Directions: Cut out the squares on the next two pages and color them the proper colors. Store the squares in the pocket.





Cut out each rectangle. Stack them on top of each other. Place the title piece on top. Staple down the left hand side. Glue booklet into lapbook.
Directions: On each page, color the pictures. Then, complete the pattern.

## Can you repeat the patterns?

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