

Bridges in Mathematic Kindergarten Yearlong Skills Assessment

This is a skills interview designed to be conducted with individual students three times over the course of the year: fall, winter, and spring. It can be used in addition to, or in place of, the assessments found at the back of the Kindergarten Getting Started manual. This assessment was designed in collaboration with the teachers in the White River School District (Washington) as a way to track students' progress with respect to the Washington State Performance Expectations. Even though it is Washington specific, it addresses kindergarten skills that are common to most states, so we felt that we should share it with others around the country.

We have included an Assessment Overview to show how the Yearlong Skills Assessment addresses the Washington Performance Expectations over the course of the school year. This is meant to serve as an example that could be adapted to match your standards if you're working in a state other than Washington.

In the document titled "Kindergarten Yearlong Skills Assessment," you'll find

- instructions and helpful tips for conducting the assessment through the year
- a Yearlong Skills Assessment Record Sheet
- a class checklist that enables you to look at the results for your entire class.

The checklist includes recommended resources for students who are struggling with particular items. The blank column labeled "M.S." at the top of the class checklist provides a space for you to fill in the state standards that are addressed by each interview item should you choose to do so.

Finally, we have included a Yearlong Assessment Class Checklist keyed to the Washington Performance Expectations and another keyed to the Oregon Math Standards. If you would like a copy of this checklist in Word so you can enter your own state standards, contact Allyn Fisher at allyngfisher@comcast.net.

Note: If this skills assessment seems too lengthy, consider using just the items that are most useful to you. It might also serve as a resource to get an "in-depth" look at those students about whom you are most concerned.