

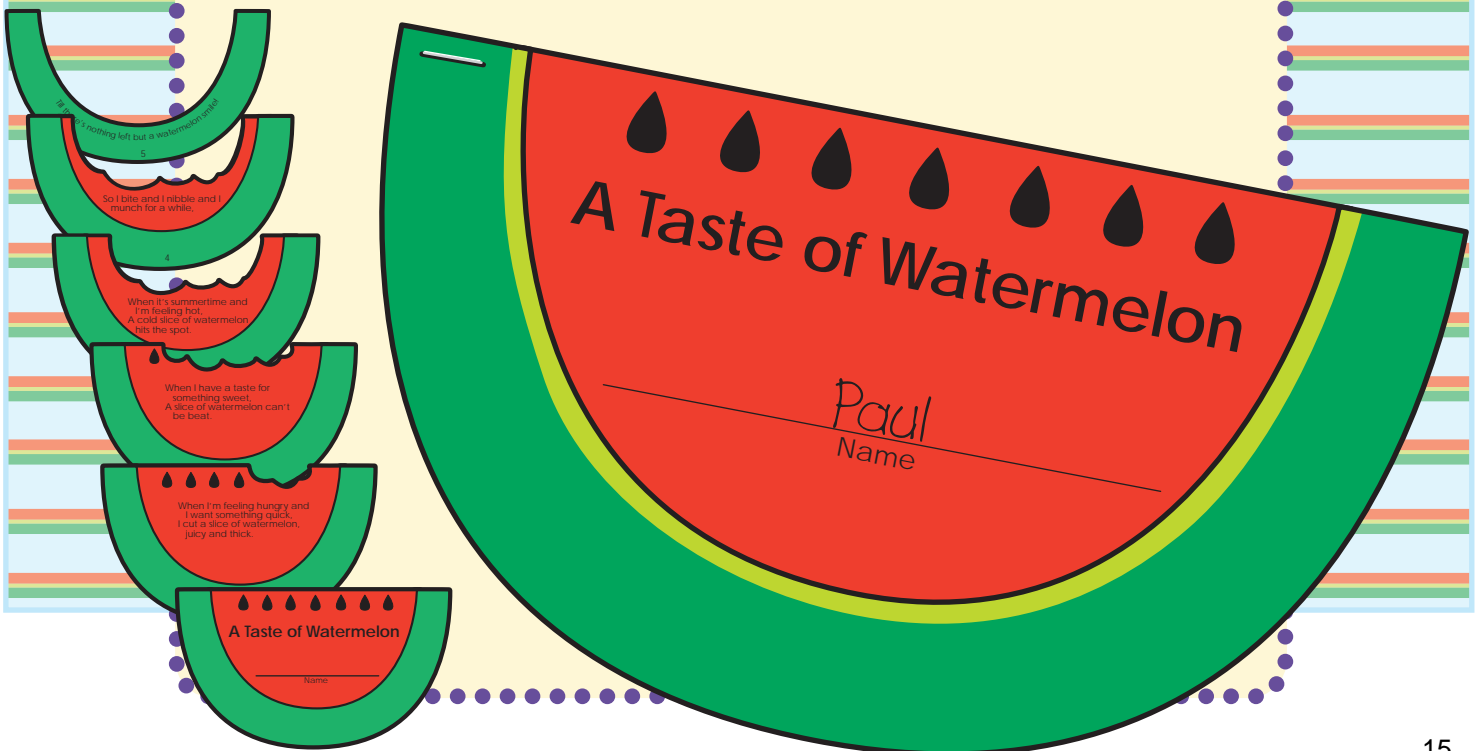
# A TASTE OF WATERMELON

Any way you slice it, youngsters will welcome making and reading this cool watermelon booklet! Give each student a copy of pages 16–18. Have the student color and cut out his booklet pages. Next, instruct him to stack his booklet pages in numerical order, placing the cover on top. Have him staple the pages together at the upper left corner. Then read a completed booklet with students. Provide time for each student to read his booklet with a partner. Encourage students to take their booklets home to read to family members and friends. These tasty booklets are bound to whet students' appetites for reading!

## CREATIVE DECORATING OPTIONS

- Glue watermelon seeds to the cover.
- Use red watermelon-scented markers to color the booklet pages.

To extend this booklet-making activity, reinforce math skills with a watermelon party. Invite students to watch as you cut up a large watermelon into equal portions. Cut the watermelon into halves, quarters, and eighths as you explain the concepts of fractions accordingly. Next, give each child a piece of watermelon and instruct him to estimate how many seeds are in it. Once he has eaten his watermelon, have him count the number of seeds that remain and compare it to his guess. What a refreshing way to practice math skills!



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