



Language & Literacy

COMMUNICATION

Shows steady growth in words used and understood (e.g., descriptive words, spatial vocabulary, labeling items)

Asks simple questions

Follows two-step directions with visual cues if needed

Begins to answer complex questions (e.g., why, how, where)

Responds to and verbally states first and last name

Talks to oneself and others about what he/she is doing, routines followed, and events participated in

Communicates in short sentences that follow the word order of home language

Begins to use words such as “think,” “pretend,” and “remember” to reflect on previous knowledge or experiences

LITERACY

Recognizes first name in print

Acquires new vocabulary through shared reading experiences

Answers questions about a story

Provides words or phrases in familiar stories, songs, or rhymes

Connects events in story to own life

Talks about characters and events in a story

Retells a familiar story in own words

Begins to engage in reading behaviors independently (e.g., pretends to read a book, retells story using pictures, repeats familiar phrases while looking at a book)

Tells a simple story from sequenced pictures

Understands realistic symbols and environmental print within the classroom (e.g., classroom material labels, visual handwashing procedure, cubby labels)

Understands that text is meaningful and can be read (e.g., student asks teacher to dictate what he/she says about the illustration)

Uses pictures to describe and predict stories and information in books

WRITING

Transitions from holding writing utensil from fist grip to a pronated grip (between thumb and forefinger)

Makes circular and horizontal marks on paper

Mimics authentic writing behavior by scribbling (e.g., taking notes, making lists, taking an order)



Mathematical Thinking

NUMBER AND NUMBER SENSE

Repeats numbers 1–20

Understands the number concept of three

Understands the number concept of four

GEOMETRY AND RELATIONSHIPS

Sorts objects by color, shape, or size

Identifies and matches objects by colors, shapes, or other objects

Names all primary colors and most secondary colors

PROBLEM-SOLVING AND REASONING

Completes 3 to 10 piece puzzles

Notices and shows interest in patterns occurring in the environment

Uses picture references and deductive reasoning to determine who is and is not present at school

Understands and uses amount and size words to describe objects (e.g., big/little, fast/slow)

Answers simple questions about what comes next in simple, familiar tasks

Explains everyday occurrences using simple reasoning

Participates in learning experiences that explore weight, size, and speed of various objects



Scientific Exploration

SCIENCE

Explores properties of objects (e.g., size, shape, texture)

Begins to increase ability in identifying and classifying nonliving and living things

Begins to explore and identify animals, animal families, and their habitats

Begins to identify local and common forms of weather

Uses simple tools to investigate objects and materials with guidance (e.g., magnifying glass, scoop-and-pour containers)

Notices changes in materials (e.g., size, weight, texture, speed) when they are mixed or manipulated (e.g., water freezing, melting, combining)

ENGINEERING

Watches others and is motivated to repurpose common items for various purposes (e.g., uses basket as a hat, uses a rainboot as a planter)



Citizens of the World

SOCIAL STUDIES

Knows and recognizes centers in the classroom

Actively participates in keeping the classroom environment clean and organized (e.g., materials, furniture, centers)

Explores common forms of transportation in the community

Explores various jobs of people in the community (e.g., community helpers, mail carrier, grocery store clerk)

Talks about pets in the home

Explores roles of family members (e.g., mother, father)

DIVERSITY

Explores animals from around the world

Begins to explore various celebrations and traditions (e.g., family, classroom)

Talks about self (e.g., favorite foods, hair color, eye color, age, identifies body parts)

WORLD LANGUAGES

Introduces new Spanish vocabulary

Reviews previously acquired Spanish vocabulary

Begins to explore languages spoken throughout the world (e.g., languages spoken in the classroom and beyond)



Creative Expression

MUSIC, MUSICIANS, AND MOVEMENT

Begins to show preference for a familiar song

Moves body expressively to music with or without props

Sings and acts out familiar songs, fingerplays, or rhymes

Makes simple musical instruments

Begins to participate in discussions around different genres of music, musicians, and movement concepts

ART AND ARTISTS

Paints with an object other than a paintbrush (e.g., flowers, sticks, fingers)

Draws with a circular motion

Explores and creates multisensory art (e.g., scent, texture, temperature)

Draws a picture that begins to resemble student's intention

Uses a glue stick

Begins to make prints and collages using various materials

Begins to participate in discussions around different forms of visual art and artists (e.g., shape art, 3D art, nature art)

Creative Expression continued

DRAMATIC PLAY

Uses dress-up props or props created to pretend to be characters, animals, or objects (e.g., uses block as a cell phone, clothing, baby dolls)

Engages in pretend play connected to personal experiences, season, or literature (e.g., familiar routines, events, and/or people)

Social-Emotional Learning

SELF-HELP

Verbalizes need to use the bathroom or diaper change

Expresses needs and wants

Accepts changes in routine with proper preparation

Assists in dressing/undressing

Engages in cleanup routines, including clearing spot after eating

Accepts redirection from adults

Seeks support from caregiver when needing assistance (e.g., sad, frustrated, help with shoes)

SOCIAL INTERACTION

Initiates play interactions with peers

Shows varied feelings

Begins to talk about emotions and show empathy toward others

Recognizes and labels some emotions in self and others (e.g., happy, sad, angry)

Adjusts behavior to fit the expectations of different situations (e.g., whispering during rest time, running outside, walking to lunch seat)

Seeks a preferred playmate; shows pleasure when seeing a friend

Wellness

FINE MOTOR

Squeezes and manipulates playdough

Uses safety scissors

Uses wrist and finger movements to complete a task (e.g., turns knobs, cuts straight line)

Begins to use pincer grasp to pick up smaller objects

Fits objects together and takes them apart

Uses hands and eyes together to complete complex fine motor tasks (e.g., completes puzzles, laces lacing cards, draws, stacks blocks)



Wellness continued

GROSS MOTOR AND BALANCE

Begins to use flexible body movements with balls or smaller objects (e.g., throws, catches, kicks ball or bean bag)

Begins to sustain balance during simple movement activities (e.g., jumping off of a step, jumping over an object, walks forward along edge)

Begins to engage in more complex body movements, promoting gross muscle development (e.g., jumping jacks, running, galloping, jumping, yoga, pedaling tricycle, stop-and-go movements, stretching)

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND NUTRITION

Begins to show awareness for safety rules and the need to follow them (e.g., playground rules, fire drill procedures, sun safety, weather safety, nature safety)

Begins to discuss and explore healthy eating habits (e.g., identifies a variety of foods, sorts foods into healthy and unhealthy groups, identifies favorite foods/beverages)

Begins to discuss and explore ways to keep our bodies healthy (e.g., sleep, exercise, coughs/sneezes in elbow, handwashing procedures)