



## Language & Literacy

### COMMUNICATION

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

Asks simple questions

Participates in rhyming games

Speaks in a clear, audible voice so that most words are understood

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

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

### LITERACY

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Recognizes first name in print

Recognizes some letter names

Acquires new vocabulary through shared reading experiences

Answers questions about a story

Identifies the beginning and end of a story

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

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

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

Makes scribble marks that resemble some letter forms

“Reads” own writing aloud

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



## Mathematical Thinking

### NUMBER AND NUMBER SENSE

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Rote counts from 1–20

Understands the number concept of 1–5

Demonstrates understanding of the concept of “more,” “all,” and “none”

### GEOMETRY AND RELATIONSHIPS

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Names all primary colors and most secondary colors

Begins to compare and contrast objects by color, shape, and size

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

Matches simple 3D shapes to simple 2D shapes

Sorts objects by color, shape, or size

### PROBLEM-SOLVING AND REASONING

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Completes 3 to 10 piece puzzles

Repeats simple ABAB patterns

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

Notices and shows interest in patterns occurring in the environment

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

Explains everyday occurrences using simple reasoning



## Scientific Exploration

### SCIENCE

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

Identifies and explores seasonal changes in nature

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)

Begins to discuss similarities and differences between daytime and nighttime

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

### ENGINEERING

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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

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- 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)
- Recognizes and identifies common places in the local community (e.g., school, house, grocery store, gas station)
- Explores roles of family members (e.g., mother, father)

### DIVERSITY

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- Explores music from other cultures around the world (e.g., multicultural dance, instruments)
- Talks about family (e.g., family members, traditions, memories, routines, food shared)

### WORLD LANGUAGES

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- 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

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- Identifies sounds in the environment and nature
- Claps in rhythm with music
- Moves body expressively to music with or without props
- Sings and acts out familiar songs, fingerplays, or rhymes
- Identifies music as fast or slow
- Identifies loud and quiet noises

### ART AND ARTISTS

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- Paints with an object other than a paintbrush (e.g., flowers, sticks, fingers)
- Explores and creates multisensory art (e.g., scent, texture, temperature)
- Begins to draw some shapes
- Begins to participate in discussions around different forms of visual art and artists (e.g., shape art, 3D art, nature art)

### DRAMATIC PLAY

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- 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

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- Independently attends to bathroom needs
- Expresses needs and wants
- Locates own cubby/personal belongings
- Accepts changes in routine with proper preparation
- Assists in dressing/undressing
- Accepts redirection from adults
- Seeks support from caregiver when needing assistance (e.g., sad, frustrated, help with shoes)

### SOCIAL INTERACTION

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- Takes turn speaking in conversation
- Plays cooperatively with peers
- Remains engaged in more complex activities that they have chosen (e.g., centers, outdoor play)
- Recognizes and labels some emotions in self and others (e.g., happy, sad, angry)
- Begins to take turns when asked (e.g., begins to wait turn for handwashing, shares toys with support)
- Begins to exercise patience
- Follows classroom behavior expectations (e.g., indoor voice, calm body, center management system)
- 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

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- Squeezes and manipulates playdough
- Uses safety scissors
- 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)

### GROSS MOTOR AND BALANCE

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- 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)



## Wellness continued

### HEALTH, SAFETY, AND NUTRITION

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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)