



Language & Literacy

COMMUNICATION

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

Asks simple questions

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

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

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

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

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

Rote counts from 1–20

Understands the number concept of 1–5

Uses fingers or objects to represent numbers 1–5 (e.g., holds up 2 fingers to indicate age)

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



Mathematical Thinking continued

GEOMETRY AND RELATIONSHIPS

- Names all primary colors and most secondary colors
- Begins to compare and contrast objects by color, shape, and size
- Sorts objects by color, shape, or size
- Identifies and matches objects by colors, shapes, or other objects
- Matches simple 3D shapes to simple 2D shapes

PROBLEM-SOLVING AND REASONING

- 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
- Identifies and describes differences in size
- Understands and uses amount and size words to describe objects (e.g., big/little, fast/slow)
- Participates in learning experiences that explore weight, size, and speed of various objects
- Notices and shows interest in patterns occurring in the environment



Scientific Exploration

SCIENCE

- Explores properties of objects (e.g., size, shape, texture)
- Identifies and explores seasonal changes in nature
- 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

- 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

- Actively participates in keeping the classroom environment clean and organized (e.g., materials, furniture, centers)
- Explores various jobs of people in the community (e.g., community helpers, mail carrier, grocery store clerk)
- Explores roles of family members (e.g., mother, father)



Citizens of the World continued

DIVERSITY

Explores music from other cultures around the world (e.g., multicultural dance, instruments)

Explores food from other cultures around the world

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

Talks about family (e.g., family members, traditions, memories, routines, food shared)

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

Claps in rhythm with music

Explores a variety of musical instruments and their sounds

Makes simple musical instruments

Identifies music as fast or slow

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

Makes music using nonmusical instruments (e.g., spoons, boxes, pans)

ART AND ARTISTS

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

Begins to use a glue bottle

Begins to draw some shapes

Begins to make prints and collages using various materials

Paints or draws on a vertical surface (e.g., fence, classroom wall, easel)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)