



Language & Literacy

COMMUNICATION

Dictates stories or simple sentences about objects or illustrations

Knows some opposite words

Recalls favorite nursery rhymes, poems, and alliterative phrases

Identifies and uses rhyming words

Appropriately uses newly acquired vocabulary

Makes comments and asks questions related to the topic of discussion

Carries out a conversation about high-interest topics (e.g., asks and answers questions logically)

Follows detailed, multistep directions with visual cues if needed

Finishes an incomplete sentence with an appropriate word

Substitutes initial consonant sounds in simple, one-syllable words to make new words

LITERACY

Discusses setting and major events in a story

Discusses and compares characters in a story(ies)/book(s)

Begins to understand print concepts (e.g., letters, words, spaces between words, punctuation at the end of the sentence (., ?, !))

Identifies letters and the letter/sound relationship

Reads/recognizes sight words

Follows words in a book from left to right and page by page, naming and describing what is on each page, and referencing picture cues for support

Identifies features of a book (e.g., spine, cover, author, illustrator) and begins to recognize books written by specific authors

Understands whether information in a story is real or pretend (e.g., fiction and nonfiction)

Uses environmental print to effectively navigate the classroom environment (e.g., matches familiar spoken words to written labels)

Begins to show awareness of the repetition of sounds in the beginning of words in a phrase or sentence (e.g., he helps hippos)

WRITING

Uses a journal to communicate ideas and thoughts through inventive spelling and drawings

Writes letters of the alphabet (uppercase and lowercase)

Writes numerals 1–30

Writes first and last name in proper case

Copies short words

Begins to use inventive spelling in writing

Holds writing utensil with tripod grip

“Reads” own writing aloud



Mathematical Thinking

NUMBER AND NUMBER SENSE

Recognizes numerals 1–50

Identifies whether the number of objects in one group is greater than, less than, or equal to the number of objects in another group

Counts by tens

Counts a total (5 or less) and then recounts when a certain number of items are removed (e.g., concrete subtraction)

Explores different ways numbers can be represented (e.g., numerals, dots on a die, tally marks)

Compares two numbers (1-10) when written as numerals (e.g., greater than, less than, similarities, differences)

GEOMETRY AND RELATIONSHIPS

Describes a five-step procedure in sequential order (e.g., getting dressed)

Begins to order the days of the week and months of the year

Identifies and describes 2D shapes (e.g., pentagon, hexagon, octagon) by name and characteristics

Puts objects in a series based on weight

Sorts and identifies categories

Follows simple directions related to spatial vocabulary (e.g., beside, under, next to)

Uses some ordinal numbers (e.g., first, second, last)

PROBLEM-SOLVING AND REASONING

Identifies and matches pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters to their associated value

Completes 25+ piece puzzles

Repeats, extends, and creates simple patterns using concrete objects

Creates and interprets a simple graph (e.g., pictograph, bar graph)

Uses measurement tools to measure objects (e.g., ruler, measuring cup, scale)

Estimates the length and weight of an object using nonstandard measurement units (e.g., “How many paperclips long is the book?”)

Uses nonstandard measurement units (e.g., “The table is 25 bears long”)

Describes how he/she solved a problem in his/her own way



Scientific Exploration

SCIENCE

Identifies, describes, and measures local weather (e.g., graphs daily weather, uses a rain gauge, thermometer)

Identifies and explores objects in the sky (e.g., moon, planets, stars)

Understands and shows awareness of environmental changes (e.g., seasonal changes, weather changes, daytime/nighttime sky)

Participates in experiments to answer questions/solve problems and makes predictions based on prior knowledge



Scientific Exploration continued

SCIENCE continued

Identifies the five senses and the corresponding body part

Understands and becomes increasingly aware that living things go through a growth cycle, change, and reproduce (e.g., plant lifecycle, frog lifecycle, butterfly)

Describes, classifies, and categorizes living and nonliving things (e.g., insects/spiders, flowers)

Explores and describes the way objects can move in space (e.g., push, pull, sink, float)

Understands that he/she can have a positive or negative effect on the environment (e.g., littering, recycling, water pollution)

Uses simple tools to investigate objects and materials

DIGITAL INTERACTIONS

Shows an understanding of different tools and technology that can be used for different purposes (e.g., gather information, design, communication)

Labels and explores different types of technology (e.g., found at school, home, and at different jobs)

ENGINEERING

Uses previous knowledge and experiences to plan, test, and redesign solutions to a problem or need



Citizens of the World

SOCIAL STUDIES

Notifies that people (e.g., self, siblings, peers) grow and change over time

Demonstrates simple geographic knowledge (e.g., identifies land and water on a globe or map)

Describes the characteristics of familiar places (e.g., “My house is white with a white fence”)

Discuss important people throughout history (e.g., local, national, global)

Identifies state and country of residence

Participates in voting as a way of making choices

Creates a simple map (e.g., home, classroom)

DIVERSITY

Understands all families have unique characteristics

Shows awareness that each person has unique personal characteristics, abilities, and different ways of communicating

Describes and identifies personal characteristics (e.g., talks about likes and dislikes, favorite foods, hair color, eye color, age)

Learns about another country in the world he/she finds interesting

Explores and recognizes the meaning of various celebrations and traditions (e.g., classroom, local, global)



Citizens of the World continued

WORLD LANGUAGES

Understands people communicate in variety of ways (e.g., facial expressions, gestures, sign language)

Reviews previously acquired Spanish vocabulary

Acquires new Spanish vocabulary

Explores languages spoken throughout the world (e.g., languages spoken in the classroom and beyond)



Creative Expression

MUSIC, MUSICIANS, AND MOVEMENT

Recites and sings a variety of songs

Participates in discussions around different genres of music and dance/movement concepts

Demonstrates spatial awareness when moving body expressively (e.g., up, down, forward, back, zigzag, straight, fast, slow)

Appreciates, listens to, and explores music from different genres from around the world (e.g., bluegrass, folk, classical, jazz, children's songs)

Explores and creates music with a variety of instruments

Claps hands in rhythm with different types of music

Shows increased awareness for musical components and vocabulary (e.g., melody, tempo, rhythm, identifying instruments)

ART AND ARTISTS

Draws a complex picture using pencils, markers, crayons, or paint

Draws people or self with 5–6 body parts

Participates in discussions around different forms of visual art and artists

Creates a piece of art based off the artist discussed

Mixes paints together to make a new color (e.g., primary to create secondary colors)

Creates an original piece of art independently (e.g., printing, collaging, tracing, painting, multisensory, 3D art)

Communicates how his/her art work makes him/her feel and describes how it was created

DRAMATIC PLAY

Engages in pretend play related to the season, interests, or literature

Uses language to identify pretend or fantasy situations (e.g., "Let's pretend to fly to the sun," "That can't really happen")

Uses dress-up props or props created to pretend to be characters, animals, or objects



Social-Emotional Learning

SELF-HELP

Eats meals/snacks within a predetermined time frame

Makes choices within the classroom

Asks for help when needed

Begins to practice tying shoes

Transitions from activities and different environments with some guidance and support (e.g., visual, auditory)

Proactively suggests solutions for pragmatic situations (e.g., asks teacher to make a waitlist, checkout list)

Follows classroom routines (e.g., cleanup, naptime, and mealtime)

SOCIAL INTERACTION

Initiates play with a variety of peers

Consistently remains engaged in self-directed activities, while ignoring most distractions or interruptions

Initiates sharing opportunities of materials indoors and outdoors

Begins to maintain attention on a given project/learning experience over time (e.g., hours, days, weeks) and returns to experience after disruptions

Plays cooperatively with peers (e.g., takes turns “It’s your turn,” plays simple games)

Demonstrates some control of emotions

Uses words to resolve peer conflict (with support or independently)

Utilizes center management system of the classroom

Engages in conversations with adults and peers (e.g., introduces self by name, takes turns in conversation, addresses others by name)

Shows concern toward the feelings of others (e.g., shows concern for others)

Recognizes and labels emotions in self and others



Wellness

FINE MOTOR

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

Cuts out shapes or designs using safety scissors

Shapes and manipulates playdough into letters, shapes, and figures

GROSS MOTOR AND BALANCE

Sustains balance during simple movement activities (e.g., jumps off of a step, jumps over an object, walks forward along edge)

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

Uses full range of motion to manipulate balls or similar objects (e.g., kicks rolling ball, throws ball overhand and underhand with accuracy, maneuvers balls, catches balls)



Wellness continued

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND NUTRITION

Shows awareness for safety rules and the need to follow them (e.g., playground rules, fire drill procedures, personal identification)

Discusses and explores healthy eating habits (e.g., identifies a variety of foods, sorts foods into healthy and unhealthy groups, identifies favorite foods/beverages)

Discusses and explores ways to keep our bodies healthy (e.g., sleep, exercise, coughs/sneezes in elbow, handwashing procedures, sleep habits)