



Alignment of the



Experience Early Learning Skills



with the

Delaware Early Learning Foundations: Preschool (2010)

The Developmental Continuum of the Experience Early Learning Skills

The Developmental Continuum of the Experience Early Learning Skills is a research-based continuum of 36 skills that indicate child development and learning. Each skill has up to three measurable learning goals. For each goal, the continuum outlines benchmark levels for children from birth to age eight.

The Developmental Continuum of the Experience Early Learning Skills is a sequenced progression. Children progress at varying rates based on individual development and needs.

The Developmental Continuum of the Experience Early Learning Skills serves as the basis for the development of these curricular systems:

- Mother Goose Time
- Experience Baby
- Experience Pre-K
- Experience Play

The Developmental Continuum of the Experience Early Learning Skills is included in the appendix.

Visit http://mothergoosetime.com/all_about/research.php to learn how each Mother Goose Time tool supports developmentally-appropriate practice and child skill development.

Alignment

This document details the alignment of the Delaware Early Learning Foundations: Preschool (2010) with the Developmental Continuum of the Experience Early Learning Skills.

A typically developing preschooler will fall between benchmarks C and F on the Developmental Continuum of the Experience Early Learning Skills for each skill. For more information, reference the full continuum.

For questions or comments about this alignment, contact info@experienceearlylearning.com.

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Self-Concept	
SE31 Be with adults who are consistent, responsive, and caring	#3 Social Relationships 3.1 Builds positive relationships
SE32 Make meaningful choices and experience the outcomes of those choices in a safe and supportive environment	#1 Self Concept 1.1 Expresses preference 1.2 Takes responsibility
SE33 Participate in activities that are challenging but within their reach	#1 Self Concept 1.2 Takes responsibility
SE34 Assume a role in determining how they will learn	#1 Self Concept 1.1 Expresses preference 1.2 Takes responsibility
SE35 Participate in meaningful responsibilities	#1 Self Concept 1.2 Takes responsibility
SE36 Explore and participate in activities and materials designed to build understanding of individual characteristics and of diversity in culture, family structure, ability, language, age, and gender in non-stereotypical ways.	#25 Scientific Reasoning 25.1 Inquires and predicts 25.2 Observes and experiments 25.3 Evaluates and infers
SE37 Be part of the classroom community so that each child feels accepted and gains a sense of belonging	#3 Social Relationships 3.1 Builds positive relationships 3.3 Cares for and responds to others #21 Families and Communities 21.3 Respects diversity
Self-Regulation	
SE38 Recognize, label and express a range of feelings, and needs appropriately (Ex: happy, sad, frustrated, angry, fearful, etc.)	#1 Self Concept 1.3 Identifies and manages feelings
SE39 Begin to understand that feelings are separate from actions and that it is acceptable to have a range of feelings (Ex: from frustrated to really mad)	#1 Self Concept 1.3 Identifies and manages feelings

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<p>SE40 Express feelings through play and artistic representation</p>	<p>#1 Self Concept 1.3 Identifies and manages feelings</p> <p>#14 Emergent Writing 14.2 Expresses through writing</p> <p>#30 Music 30.2 Expresses through music</p> <p>#31 Dance and Movement 31.2 Expresses through dance and movement</p> <p>#32 Visual Arts 32.2 Expresses through visual arts</p> <p>#33 Drama 33.1 Participates in dramatic play</p>
<p>SE41 Begin to understand that actions have consequences</p>	<p>#1 Self Concept 1.2 Takes responsibility</p>
<p>SE42 Follow simple rules and routines with minimal help</p>	<p>#2 Self Direction 2.1 Follows rules and routines</p>
<p>SE43 Experience logical and natural consequences</p>	<p>#1 Self Concept 1.2 Takes responsibility</p> <p>#2 Self Direction 2.2 Maintains attention</p>
<p>SE44 Complete activities that he/she has started</p>	<p>#1 Self Concept 1.2 Takes responsibility</p> <p>#2 Self Direction 2.2 Maintains attention</p>
<p>SE45 Uses materials purposefully, safely, and respectfully</p>	<p>#1 Self Concept 1.2 Takes responsibility</p> <p>#2 Self Direction 2.1 Follows rules and routines</p> <p>#6 Health and Safety 6.3 Demonstrates safe practices</p>

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SE46 Attempt to solve problems in a positive manner	#1 Self Concept 1.2 Takes responsibility #3 Social Relationships 3.2 Cooperates
Social Relationships and Cooperation	
SE47 Develop trust in familiar adults and close peers	#3 Social Relationships 3.1 Builds positive relationships
SE48 Receive guidance, support and directions from a range of familiar adults	#3 Social Relationships 3.1 Builds positive relationships
SE49 Develop and maintain friendships with peers	#3 Social Relationships 3.1 Builds positive relationships 3.3 Cares for and responds to others
SE50 Develop awareness of other's perspectives and to gain an understanding of how their actions impact those around them	#3 Social Relationships 3.3 Cares for and responds to others
SE51 Develop and demonstrate positive social skills (Ex: please, thank you, helping a friend, sharing, etc.)	#3 Social Relationships 3.1 Builds positive relationships 3.2 Cooperates
SE52 Develop ability to initiate and sustain play with peers	#3 Social Relationships 3.1 Builds positive relationships 3.2 Cooperates
SE53 Be a helpful member of a group or household through sharing tasks or chores	#1 Self Concept 1.2 Takes responsibility #3 Social Relationships 3.2 Cooperates
SE54 Develop turn taking and negotiation skills	#3 Social Relationships 3.2 Cooperates

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Initiative and Curiosity	
AL31 Participate in a variety of tasks and activities using all five senses	#25 Scientific Reasoning 25.2 Observes and experiments
AL32 Make independent choices during play and throughout the daily routine	#1 Self Concept 1.2 Takes responsibility
AL33 Approach tasks and activities with flexibility, imagination, inventiveness, and confidence	#1 Self Concept 1.1 Expresses preference 1.2 Takes responsibility #20 Logic 20.1 Solves problems
AL34 Show eagerness and curiosity to learn about and discuss a variety of topics, ideas, and tasks	#1 Self Concept 1.1 Expresses preference 1.2 Takes responsibility #2 Self Direction 2.2 Maintains attention #25 Scientific Reasoning 25.1 Inquires and predicts
Engagement and Persistence	
AL35 Begin to develop the ability to focus and complete a variety of tasks, activities, projects, and experiences	#1 Self Concept 1.2 Takes responsibility #2 Self Direction 2.2 Maintains attention
AL36 Begin to develop and follow through with plan for play and other activities	#1 Self Concept 1.2 Takes responsibility #2 Self Direction 2.2 Maintains attention

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<p>AL37 Begin to demonstrate the ability to follow a sequence of steps to create a finished project</p>	<p>#1 Self Concept 1.2 Takes responsibility</p> <p>#2 Self Direction 2.2 Maintains attention</p> <p>#7 Listening 7.2 Follows verbal directions</p>
<p>Reasoning and Problem Solving</p>	
<p>AL38 Develop the ability to recognize and solve problems through active exploration, including trial and error, interactions, and discussions with peers and adults</p>	<p>#20 Logic 20.1 Solves problems</p> <p>#25 Scientific Reasoning 25.1 Inquires and predicts 25.2 Observes and experiments 25.3 Evaluates and infers</p>
<p>AL39 Develop the ability to classify, compare, and contrast objects, events, and experiences</p>	<p>#18 Patterns and Sorting 18.1 Identifies and creates patterns 18.2 Matches, sorts and charts</p> <p>#19 Measurement 19.1 Estimates and measures 19.2 Compares and seriates</p>
<p>AL40 Demonstrate the ability to sequence events</p>	<p>#19 Measurement 19.2 Compares and seriates</p> <p>#24 History 24.1 Describes past events</p>
<p>AL41 Begin to develop the ability to explain and demonstrate strategies to solve problems</p>	<p>#20 Logic 20.1 Solves problems</p>

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Receptive Communication	
LL31 Respond to their names, requests for action, or information	#7 Listening 7.1 Comprehends spoken language 7.2 Follows verbal directions
LL32 Develop listening, watching, attention, and comprehension skills	#2 Self Direction 2.2 Maintains attention #7 Listening 7.1 Comprehends spoken language
LL33 Follow two–or three–step directions	#7 Listening 7.2 Follows verbal directions
LL34 Identify particular sounds in the environment through different media	#10 Phonological Awareness 10.1 Hears small units of sound
LL35 Respond to questions	#8 Communication 8.1 Communicates ideas #13 Reading Comprehension 13.1 Responds to text 13.2 Retells, asks and answers questions
LL36 Increase vocabulary to include prepositions and basic concepts	#8 Communication 8.2 Speaks in sentences #9 Vocabulary 9.1 Builds vocabulary
Expressive Communication	
LL37 Be aware that people communicate in a variety of ways (verbal and non–verbal)	#7 Listening 7.1 Comprehends spoken language #21 Families and Communities 21.3 Respects diversity
LL38 Communicate so they will be understood by peers and adults	#8 Communication 8.1 Communicates ideas

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<p>LL39 Play with language such as rhyming</p>	<p>#8 Communication 8.2 Speaks in sentences</p> <p>#10 Phonological Awareness 10.2 Identifies rhyme and alliteration</p>
<p>LL40 Use language to enter play situation</p>	<p>#3 Social Relationships 3.2 Cooperates</p> <p>#8 Communication 8.1 Communicates ideas</p>
<p>LL41 Participate in turn taking in conversations</p>	<p>#3 Social Relationships 3.2 Cooperates</p> <p>#8 Communication 8.1 Communicates ideas</p>
<p>LL42 Dictate a story to an adult</p>	<p>#8 Communication 8.1 Communicates ideas</p>
<p>LL43 Communicate using multiple words/phrases including nouns, verbs, descriptive phrases, prepositions and/or ASL grammatical features</p>	<p>#8 Communication 8.2 Speaks in sentences</p>
<p>LL44 Use volume and tone or ASL facial grammar appropriate to the situation</p>	<p>#1 Self Concept 1.1 Expresses preference 1.3 Identifies and manages feelings</p> <p>#8 Communication 8.1 Communicates ideas</p>
<p>LL45 Respond appropriately to messages in conversation</p>	<p>#3 Social Relationships 3.3 Cares for and responds to others</p> <p>#7 Listening 7.1 Comprehends spoken language</p> <p>#8 Communication 8.1 Communicates ideas</p>
<p>LL46 Express emotions through language</p>	<p>#1 Self Concept 1.1 Expresses preference 1.3 Identifies and manages feelings</p> <p>#8 Communication 8.1 Communicates ideas</p>

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LL47 Use language appropriately during play situations	<p>#3 Social Relationships 3.2 Cooperates</p> <p>#8 Communication 8.1 Communicates ideas</p>
LL48 Experiment with patterns in words	<p>#10 Phonological Awareness 10.1 Hears small units of sound 10.2 Identifies rhyme and alliteration</p>
Emergent Reading	
LL49 Show an interest in rhymes, songs, books, stories, writings, and other literacy or reading-related activities	<p>#10 Phonological Awareness 10.2 Identifies rhyme and alliteration</p> <p>#13 Reading Comprehension 13.1 Responds to text</p>
LL50 Show increasing awareness of print, familiar signs, labels, and symbols	<p>#11 Concepts of Print 11.1 Demonstrates print knowledge</p> <p>#12 Letter/Word Recognition 12.1 Identifies letters and words</p>
LL51 Identify and name letters of the alphabet	<p>#12 Letter/Word Recognition 12.1 Identifies letters and words</p>
LL52 Recognize their first name in print written with the first letter in upper case followed by lower-case letters	<p>#12 Letter/Word Recognition 12.1 Identifies letters and words</p>
LL53 Recognize common letter sounds at the beginning, middle, and ends of words	<p>#10 Phonological Awareness 10.1 Hears small units of sound 10.2 Identifies rhyme and alliteration</p> <p>#12 Letter/Word Recognition 12.2 Makes letter-sound connections</p>
LL54 Know the difference between upper-and lower-case letters	<p>#12 Letter/Word Recognition 12.1 Identifies letters and words</p>
LL55 Show comprehension by answering questions related to an age-appropriate story that has been read or told	<p>#13 Reading Comprehension 13.1 Responds to text 13.2 Retells, asks and answers questions</p>
LL56 Understand the parts of a books and how it is used	<p>#11 Concepts of Print 11.1 Demonstrates print knowledge</p>

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LL57 Hold a book upright, turn pages starting at the front of the book, and scan pages left to right and top to bottom	#11 Concepts of Print 11.1 Demonstrates print knowledge
LL58 Explore different types of literature such as narrative (Story) and informative (non-fiction)	#11 Concepts of Print 11.1 Demonstrates print knowledge #13 Reading Comprehension 13.1 Responds to text
LL59 Demonstrate that print represents someone's thoughts and ideas	#11 Concepts of Print 11.1 Demonstrates print knowledge #14 Emergent Writing 14.2 Expresses through writing
LL60 Interpret pictures	#11 Concepts of Print 11.1 Demonstrates print knowledge #13 Reading Comprehension 13.1 Responds to text
LL61 Hears words in a sentences and syllables in words	#10 Phonological Awareness 10.1 Hears small units of sound
LL62 Know that print is read and pictures are not	#11 Concepts of Print 11.1 Demonstrates print knowledge
Emergent Writing	
LL63 Use scribbles, symbols, or drawings to share experiences	#14 Emergent Writing 14.2 Expresses through writing
LL64 Use a variety of writing tools and materials	#5 Fine Motor 5.2 Uses drawing/writing tools
LL65 Trace and copy shapes and letters	#14 Emergent Writing 14.1 Writes name, words and sentences
LL66 Begin to print the letters of their first name	#14 Emergent Writing 14.1 Writes name, words and sentences
LL67 Express self though pretend writing	#14 Emergent Writing 14.2 Expresses through writing
LL68 Write in a variety of formats	#14 Emergent Writing 14.1 Writes name, words and sentences 14.2 Expresses through writing

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<p>LL69 Practice writing left to right and top to bottom</p>	<p>#11 Concepts of Print 11.1 Demonstrates print knowledge</p> <p>#14 Emergent Writing 14.1 Writes name, words and sentences</p>
<p>LL70 Use inventive spelling</p>	<p>#14 Emergent Writing 14.1 Writes name, words and sentences</p>
<p>LL71 Develop strength, dexterity, and control needed to use writing tools and materials</p>	<p>#5 Fine Motor 5.1 Controls small movements 5.2 Uses drawing/writing tools</p>
<p>LL72 Develop hand-eye coordination required for written communication</p>	<p>#5 Fine Motor 5.1 Controls small movements 5.2 Uses drawing/writing tools</p>

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Numbers and Operations	
MA31 Develop an awareness of numbers and counting as means for understanding quantity	#15 Number Concepts 15.1 Identifies numerals 15.2 Counts to determine quantity
MA32 Recite numbers in sequence	#15 Number Concepts 15.2 Counts to determine quantity
MA33 Recognize numbers	#15 Number Concepts 15.1 Identifies numerals
MA34 Use one-to-one correspondence when counting	#15 Number Concepts 15.2 Counts to determine quantity
MA35 Use language to compare numbers of objects (Ex: more, less, same)	#15 Number Concepts 15.2 Counts to determine quantity 15.3 Understands operations
MA36 Determine quantity or “how many”	#15 Number Concepts 15.2 Counts to determine quantity 15.3 Understands operations
MA37 Understand numbers and number concepts as they relate to everyday life	#15 Number Concepts 15.2 Counts to determine quantity 15.3 Understands operations
MA38 Use ordinal number words to describe the position of objects (Ex: “First,” “second,” “third,” etc.)	#9 Vocabulary 9.1 Builds vocabulary #15 Number Concepts 15.1 Identifies numerals #19 Measurement 19.2 Compares and seriates
MA39 Understand the concept of how numbers relate to quantity	#15 Number Concepts 15.2 Counts to determine quantity 15.3 Understands operations
Geometry and Spatial Sense	
MA40 Begin to recognize, name, describe, build, and draw two and three dimensional shapes	#16 Shapes 16.1 Identifies shapes

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MA41 Put together and take apart increasingly more difficult puzzles	#16 Shapes 16.2 Manipulates parts and wholes
MA42 Describe how shapes are the same or different (Ex: size, shape, color)	#16 Shapes 16.1 Identifies shapes #17 Spatial Awareness 17.1 Flips and rotates objects #19 Measurement 19.2 Compares and seriates
MA43 Demonstrate and describe positions of objects	#17 Spatial Awareness 17.2 Determines object location
Patterns	
MA44 Recognize, copy, and extend simple patterns with a variety of materials	#18 Patterns and Sorting 18.1 Identifies and creates patterns
MA45 Arrange objects in a series according to one attribute (Ex: Shape, size, texture, or color)	#19 Measurement 19.2 Compares and seriates
MA46 Develop an awareness of concepts of time as it relates to daily lives (Ex: snack, circle, bedtime)	#19 Measurement 19.1 Estimates and measures #24 History 24.1 Describes past events
MA47 Sort and match a variety of concrete objects according to attributes (Ex: color, size, shape)	#18 Patterns and Sorting 18.2 Matches, sorts and charts
Measurement	
MA48 Use non-standard (feet, hands, shoes, blocks, yarn) and standard (ruler, yardstick, measuring tape) measures	#19 Measurement 19.1 Estimates and measures
MA49 Explore concepts of measurable attributes (Ex: weight, volume, length, time, and temperature)	#19 Measurement 19.1 Estimates and measures
MA50 Begin to compare and sort according to measurement attributes (Length, size, weight)	#19 Measurement 19.1 Estimates and measures 19.2 Compares and seriates

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Data Analysis	
<p>MA51 Begin to represent data using concrete objects, pictures, and simple graphs</p>	<p>#14 Emergent Writing 14.2 Expresses through writing</p> <p>#18 Patterns and Sorting 18.2 Matches, sorts and charts</p>
<p>MA52 Begin to compare and interpret data collected</p>	<p>#18 Patterns and Sorting 18.2 Matches, sorts and charts</p> <p>#19 Measurement 19.2 Compares and seriates</p> <p>#25 Scientific Reasoning 25.3 Evaluates and infers</p>

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Sensory Awareness	
SC31 Use senses in purposeful ways to gather information and explore the environment	<p>#25 Scientific Reasoning 25.1 Inquires and predicts 25.2 Observes and experiments</p> <p>#27 Physical Science 27.1 Identifies properties of matter</p>
SC32 Begin to identify and recognize the differences among the senses, their functions, and the kinds of information they get from each sense	<p>#25 Scientific Reasoning 25.2 Observes and experiments</p> <p>#27 Physical Science 27.1 Identifies properties of matter</p>
Scientific Exploration	
SC33 Express their curiosity and investigate questions of interest through play and exploration	<p>#25 Scientific Reasoning 25.1 Inquires and predicts</p>
SC34 Use materials and tools appropriate for problem solving and exploration	<p>#25 Scientific Reasoning 25.1 Inquires and predicts</p> <p>#29 Technology 29.1 Explores technology</p>
Scientific Inquiry	
SC35 Ask scientific questions	<p>#25 Scientific Reasoning 25.1 Inquires and predicts</p>
SC36 Investigate and explore their questions using observations and previous experience to make predictions	<p>#25 Scientific Reasoning 25.2 Observes and experiments</p>
SC37 Provide their own explanations for “how” and “why” things happen	<p>#25 Scientific Reasoning 25.3 Evaluates and infers</p>
SC38 Use data from an investigation or exploration to draw conclusions and communicate results	<p>#25 Scientific Reasoning 25.3 Evaluates and infers</p>
Scientific Knowledge – Living Things	
SC39 Observe, describe, and discuss the natural world of people, animals and plants	<p>#26 Life Science 26.1 Identifies basic needs 26.2 Classifies organisms</p>

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SC40 Recognize categories of people, plants, and animals and describe the similarities and differences among them	#26 Life Science 26.2 Classifies organisms
SC41 Recognize people, plants and animals grow and change over time and need certain things to survive	#26 Life Science 26.1 Identifies basic needs
SC42 Demonstrate respect for living things	#1 Self Concept 1.2 Takes responsibility #3 Social Relationships 3.3 Cares for and responds to others #21 Families and Communities 21.3 Respects diversity #26 Life Science 26.1 Identifies basic needs 26.2 Classifies organisms
Scientific Knowledge – Non-Living Things	
SC43 Observe, describe, and discuss physical properties of non-living things, both natural and human-made	#25 Scientific Reasoning 25.2 Observes and experiments #27 Physical Science 27.1 Identifies properties of matter
SC44 Recognize categories of non-living things and describe similarities and differences among them	#27 Physical Science 27.1 Identifies properties of matter
SC45 Explore objects, machines, technology and structures	#27 Physical Science 27.2 Explores forces and motions #29 Technology 29.1 Explores technology
SC46 Experiment with effects of their own actions on objects	#25 Scientific Reasoning 25.2 Observes and experiments #27 Physical Science 27.2 Explores forces and motions
Scientific Knowledge – Earth and Sky	
SC47 Observe, describe, and discuss changes in the seasons and the weather	#28 Earth Science 28.1 Identifies weather and climates

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<p>SC48 Observe, describe, and discuss landforms, bodies of water, and the properties of earth's materials (Ex: rocks, dirt, sand and water)</p>	<p>#23 Geography 23.1 Identifies types of places</p> <p>#28 Earth Science 28.2 Explores ecosystems</p>
<p>SC49 Observe, describe, and discuss the characteristics of the sun, moon, stars, and sky</p>	<p>#28 Earth Science 28.1 Identifies weather and climates</p>
<p>Scientific Knowledge – Environment</p>	
<p>SC50 Explore how the environment is affected by what people do</p>	<p>#1 Self Concept 1.2 Takes responsibility</p> <p>#28 Earth Science 28.2 Explores ecosystems</p>
<p>SC51 Describe and engage in activities that preserve the environment</p>	<p>#3 Social Relationships 3.3 Cares for and responds to others</p> <p>#28 Earth Science 28.2 Explores ecosystems</p>

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My Family and My Community Culture	
<p>MM31 Understand the concept of belonging to a family</p>	<p>#3 Social Relationships 3.1 Builds positive relationships</p> <p>#21 Families and Communities 21.1 Identifies community and family roles</p>
<p>MM32 Begin to develop an awareness of their family's culture</p>	<p>#21 Families and Communities 21.1 Identifies community and family roles 21.2 Explores cultures and traditions</p>
<p>MM33 Begin to develop an awareness of the cultures of other children and adults in their group and community</p>	<p>#21 Families and Communities 21.1 Identifies community and family roles 21.2 Explores cultures and traditions 21.3 Respects diversity</p>
<p>MM34 Build an awareness and respect for the differences in people (Ex: Language, skin tone, race, abilities/disabilities, family structure, age, clothing)</p>	<p>#21 Families and Communities 21.3 Respects diversity</p>
<p>MM35 Understand the concept of belonging to different groups (EX: family, early childhood group, friends, community)</p>	<p>#21 Families and Communities 21.1 Identifies community and family roles</p>
Past, Present and Future History	
<p>MM36 Develop emerging concept of time through daily schedule and routines</p>	<p>#2 Self Direction 2.1 Follows rules and routines</p> <p>#24 History 24.1 Describes past events</p>
<p>MM37 Share their personal history including people, places and events that take place in the past and the present</p>	<p>#21 Families and Communities 21.2 Explores cultures and traditions</p> <p>#24 History 24.1 Describes past events</p>
<p>MM38 Talk about events that may happen in the near future</p>	<p>#2 Self Direction 2.3 Transitions and adapts</p> <p>#24 History 24.1 Describes past events</p>
<p>MM39 Begin to understand that things, people, and places change over time</p>	<p>#24 History 24.1 Describes past events</p>

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Places and Spaces – Geography	
MM40 Be familiar with information about where they live, including their address	#23 Geography 23.1 Identifies types of places
MM41 Develop concepts and describe location, directionality, and spatial relationships (Ex: on top, of/under, inside/outside, next to, beside, up/down, left/right)	#17 Spatial Awareness 17.2 Determines object location
MM42 Understand the world around them by using tools such as maps and globes, GPS (Global Positioning Satellite)	#23 Geography 23.2 Uses maps
MM43 Develop an awareness of the natural environment surrounding them outdoors	#23 Geography 23.1 Identifies types of places #28 Earth Science 28.1 Identifies weather and climates 28.2 Explores ecosystems
MM44 Begin to understand the relationship between humans and the natural environment	#1 Self Concept 1.2 Takes responsibility #21 Families and Communities 21.1 Identifies community and family roles #23 Geography 23.1 Identifies types of places #28 Earth Science 28.2 Explores ecosystems
Working Together – Government and Communities	
MM45 Develop awareness of community people, including the services and products they provide, and the skills needed to perform their jobs	#21 Families and Communities 21.1 Identifies community and family roles #22 Civics and Economics 22.1 Understands citizenship 22.2 Understands concepts of trade
MM46 With support begin to develop problem solving skills	#1 Self Concept 1.2 Takes responsibility #3 Social Relationships 3.2 Cooperates #22 Civics and Economics 22.1 Understands citizenship

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<p>MM47 Help to create rules</p>	<p>#22 Civics and Economics 22.1 Understands citizenship</p>
<p>MM48 Develop an awareness that people living in a family, early childhood group, or community have roles, responsibilities, and rules to help each other</p>	<p>#3 Social Relationships 3.2 Cooperates</p> <p>#22 Civics and Economics 22.1 Understands citizenship</p>
<p>MM49 Perform simple tasks within the home, early childhood group, or community</p>	<p>#1 Self Concept 1.2 Takes responsibility</p> <p>#3 Social Relationships 3.2 Cooperates</p> <p>#21 Families and Communities 21.1 Identifies community and family roles</p>
<p>MM50 Participate in group decision making</p>	<p>#22 Civics and Economics 22.1 Understands citizenship</p>
<p>Money and Resources – Economics</p>	
<p>MM51 Explore the concept of money, including what it is and how it is used</p>	<p>#22 Civics and Economics 22.2 Understands concepts of trade</p>
<p>MM52 Develop an awareness that people work for money in order to provide for basic necessities, including the concept that people can trade and barter to get goods and services</p>	<p>#22 Civics and Economics 22.2 Understands concepts of trade</p>
<p>MM53 Begin to understand how people make and consume goods and services</p>	<p>#22 Civics and Economics 22.2 Understands concepts of trade</p>
<p>MM54 Begin to understand wants versus basic necessities</p>	<p>#22 Civics and Economics 22.2 Understands concepts of trade</p> <p>#26 Life Science 26.1 Identifies basic needs</p>

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Music	
CE31 Develop awareness of different musical instruments, tones patterns/rhythms and tempos	#30 Music 30.1 Develops rhythm and tone
CE32 Initiate and recall patterns, songs rhythms, and rhymes	#30 Music 30.1 Develops rhythm and tone
CE33 Be exposed to music from other cultures	#21 Families and Communities 21.3 Respects diversity #30 Music 30.1 Develops rhythm and tone
CE34 Sing a variety of simple songs in various keys	#30 Music 30.1 Develops rhythm and tone 30.2 Expresses through music
Movement and Dance	
CE35 Express through movement what is felt and heard in various rhythmic patterns	#31 Dance and Movement 31.1 Develops dance and movement techniques
CE36 Demonstrate an awareness of different musical tempos, patterns, and beats through movement	#30 Music 30.1 Develops rhythm and tone #31 Dance and Movement 31.1 Develops dance and movement techniques
CE37 Gain awareness of different cultures through experiences with a variety of music and movement activities	#21 Families and Communities 21.3 Respects diversity #30 Music 30.1 Develops rhythm and tone #31 Dance and Movement 31.1 Develops dance and movement techniques
CE38 Experience and use movement to reinforce learning in other curricular areas	#31 Dance and Movement 31.2 Expresses through dance and movement
Visual Arts	
E39 Show interest using different art media and materials in a variety of ways for creative expressions and representation	#32 Visual Arts 32.1 Develops artistic techniques 32.2 Expresses through visual arts

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CE40 Plan and create original drawings, paintings, models, and other art creations using a variety of media	#32 Visual Arts 32.1 Develops artistic techniques
CE41 Share experiences, ideas and thoughts about artistic creations	#32 Visual Arts 32.2 Expresses through visual arts
CE42 Use a variety of art materials and activities for sensory experiences	#32 Visual Arts 32.1 Develops artistic techniques
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PD33 Explore and experiment with a variety of tools	#5 Fine Motor 5.2 Uses drawing/writing tools
Gross Motor	
PD34 Increase strength, balance, coordination, flexibility, stamina, and control in motor activities	#4 Gross Motor 4.1 Builds strength and balance 4.2 Coordinates large movements
PD35 Demonstrate body and space awareness, to move and stop with control over speed and direction	#4 Gross Motor 4.2 Coordinates large movements
PD36 Develop the ability to coordinate increasingly complex movements	#4 Gross Motor 4.2 Coordinates large movements
Health Awareness and Practice	
PD37 Expand knowledge and respect for their bodies	#6 Health and Safety 6.1 Makes healthy food and exercise choices 6.2 Practices good hygiene
PD38 Engage in daily physical activities, both indoors and outdoors	#6 Health and Safety 6.1 Makes healthy food and exercise choices
PD39 Learn about and practice health and hygiene routines	#6 Health and Safety 6.1 Makes healthy food and exercise choices 6.2 Practices good hygiene
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PD41 Learn about and demonstrate safe behaviors and accident prevention	#6 Health and Safety 6.3 Demonstrates safe practices

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Social and Emotional Development	1 Self Concept	1.1 Expresses preference	Responds to name and explores self in mirror.	Repeats actions to obtain similar preferred results.	Expresses likes and dislikes.	When given two to three options, chooses his/her most desired option.	Describes preferences of self and others.	Negotiates to attain personal preference in a situation.	Predicts how self and others might feel in a variety of situations and explains why.	Demonstrates an understanding that each person is unique and has his/her own thoughts, feelings and preferences.
		1.2 Takes responsibility	Responds as caregiver takes care of his/her needs.	Participates in daily routines or familiar activities.	Asserts a desire to start or end an activity. Asks for help.	Initiates an activity and seeks help to complete it.	Independently completes a familiar activity and offers to help others with a similar activity.	Takes care of own needs and personal belongings.	Shows respect for others' personal space and belongings.	Takes care of self or another while considering the needs of the greater group.
		1.3 Identifies and manages feelings	Calms with support from caretaker.	Shows a range of emotions with facial expressions and gestures. Soothes self.	Experiments and role-plays with a range of emotions.	Recognizes personal feelings. Controls impulses with reminders.	Names some personal feelings and uses strategies to manage behavior.	Identifies and explains personal feelings. Describes appropriate responses.	Anticipates an emotional response that may result from a given situation.	Applies strategies for managing own emotions and behaviors.
	2 Self Direction	2.1 Follows rules and routines	Reacts to tone of voice and expression.	Cooperates during familiar routines and redirection.	With prompting, follows rules and routines.	Follows rules and routines. Expresses feelings about fairness.	Explores personal limits. Identifies when others are or are not following familiar rules and routines.	Participates in setting, defining and following rules.	Explains why rules and regulations are important and what might happen if they are not followed.	Follows explicit and implied rules in various situations with few reminders.
		2.2 Maintains attention	Focuses for a short time when others interact with him/her.	Attends to what others are looking at or pointing to.	Focuses on an engaging activity for a short period of time independently or with an adult.	Practices or repeats an activity many times until successful.	Sustains focus for at least five minutes, persisting even if there are problems or distractions.	Sustains focus for at least ten minutes even if there are distractions.	Sustains focus for at least thirty minutes even if there are distractions.	Sustains focus for forty-five minutes even if there are distractions.
		2.3 Transitions and adapts	Reacts to changes in routine.	Responds to cues that signal a change in the daily routine.	Anticipates what comes next within a daily routine. Redirects to a new activity with help from caregivers.	Recognizes when the typical routine is not followed and identifies the change.	With support, negotiates ways to handle non-routine transitions.	Transitions from one activity to the next and helps others through the transition.	Describes strategies to adjust and calm one-self in new or stressful situations.	Adapts to new situations quickly and with minimal stress.
	3 Social Relationships	3.1 Builds positive relationships	Connects with caregivers through eye contact and gentle touch.	Greets and stays near familiar people.	Plays side-by-side with a new or familiar person.	Joins a group and participates in group play.	Initiates play, conversations and interactions with one or more persons.	Begins to describe friendships and other meaningful relationships.	Describes qualities of positive relationships and ways to build them.	Describes different types of relationships such as those with family, with friends and with teachers.
		3.2 Cooperates	Enjoys turn-taking games, such as peek-a-boo.	Mimics actions of others.	Helps or participates in an activity when asked.	Plays cooperatively with others and begins to share. Asks adult to help solve social problems.	Seeks out opportunities to help others. Tries to solve own social problems.	Suggests solutions to group problems or challenges.	Fulfills personal roles and responsibilities when working in a group.	Works collaboratively and flexibly within a group.
		3.3 Cares for and responds to others	Reacts to others' behaviors and expressions.	Mimics facial expressions of others.	Demonstrates concern for someone who is sad or upset.	Explains a reason why someone may be happy or sad.	Tries to comfort and assure familiar children or adults.	Identifies feelings of others and responds accordingly.	Shows empathy.	Encourages others to care for, include or help another person.
Physical Development	4 Gross Motor	4.1 Builds strength and balance	Sits independently and pulls self into a standing position.	Walks and climbs.	Runs and balances on a wide beam.	Balances and hops on one foot.	Hops from one foot to the other. Begins to skip.	Skips confidently, gallops and slides side to side.	Leaps. Balances on a variety of objects.	Uses conditioning methods to strengthen muscles and increase endurance.
		4.2 Coordinates large movements	Kicks or grabs from a seated or laying position.	Carries, drags, kicks and tosses objects.	Throws objects in an intended direction. Catches objects against body.	Throws both overhand and underhand. Catches or kicks moving objects.	Coordinates multiple movements in simple sequences.	Changes direction and speed of movement.	Kicks or strikes moving objects with aim and accuracy. Stops at a boundary.	Coordinates multiple complex movements in continuous play.
	5 Fine Motor	5.1 Controls small movements	Reaches for objects in sight.	Manipulates objects with purpose, such as feeding self with a spoon.	Opens, closes, twists and pulls objects.	Snips with scissors. Strings large beads.	Follows a straight line when cutting and drawing. Buttons, zips, buckles and laces.	Follows an outline with scissors. Ties shoes and dresses self.	Threads small beads. Stacks small objects.	Beads, grasps and stacks objects of all sizes with speed and accuracy.
		5.2 Uses drawing/writing tools	Picks up small objects with thumb and pointer finger (pincher grasp).	Purposefully grasps and releases objects. Makes random marks with writing tools.	Holds drawing/writing tools with whole hand and may use whole arm to make intentional marks.	Uses fingers to grasp and manipulate drawing/writing tools with increasing control.	Uses a mature tripod grip with drawing/writing tools.	Consistently uses mature tripod grip with drawing/writing tools.	Legibly prints letters, numbers, and symbols.	Uses appropriate spacing between letters and words. Controls the size and placement of letters, numbers or details in drawings.
	6 Health and Safety	6.1 Makes healthy food and exercise choices	Cries when hungry or tired.	Communicates when hungry, thirsty, or tired.	Anticipates the need to eat, rest and drink.	Identifies food and serves a portion into bowl or plate. Follows a routine of rest and active play.	Identifies food groups and sorts food. Chooses between two appropriate food options or rest options.	Identifies food that is nutritious. Regulates personal needs for nutrition, activity and rest with few reminders.	Explains the importance of nutrition, exercise and rest in maintaining wellness.	Explains how feeling well is related to proper nutrition, exercise and rest.
		6.2 Practices good hygiene	Receives appropriate healthcare from caregivers.	Recognizes the difference between dirty and clean. Points to body parts when prompted.	With help, participates in healthy habits and healthcare routines. Names body parts.	Describes the function of basic body parts. Regulates toileting and hand-washing needs. Describes how s/he feels and the location of pain.	Explains how germs spread and simple strategies for preventing the spread.	When feeling sick, describes symptoms. Recognizes the difference between contagious illnesses and noncommunicable diseases or conditions.	Describes the functions of basic organs. Maintains personal hygiene with few reminders.	Describes how to deal with health concerns of self and others.
		6.3 Demonstrates safe practices	Expresses distress when needs are not met.	Responds to possible dangers in environment and avoids them when prompted.	Follows simple safety rules.	Identifies dangerous situations and seeks out help.	Describes reasons for safety rules and reminds others to follow them.	Applies general safety rules to a variety of everyday situations with little prompting.	Identifies emergency situations. Describes how to get help and behave during them.	Takes appropriate initiative in dangerous and emergency situations.

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Language and Literacy	7 Listening Comprehension	7.1 Comprehends spoken language	Turns head toward the person speaking and makes gestures and/or vocalizations in response.	When prompted, identifies familiar people or objects.	Responds to simple statements and questions.	Listens to a story or request and then responds appropriately.	Expands on stories and information shared orally.	Asks and answers general questions about information or stories shared orally.	Asks or answers specific questions about key details from information or stories shared orally.	Listens to gather information. Asks questions to clarify or deepen understanding. Recalls key ideas shared orally.
		7.2 Follows verbal directions	Responds to conversation in environment and imitates actions.	With prompts and gestures, follows a one-step direction.	Follows related two-step directions given verbally.	Follows unrelated two-step directions given verbally.	With prompting, follows multi-step directions given verbally.	Follows multi-step directions given verbally.	Remembers and follows previous rules or directions shared verbally.	Responds to verbal statements that have implied directions or requests.
	8 Communication	8.1 Communicates ideas	Uses vocal sounds and gestures to communicate.	Uses a few words and word-like sounds to communicate.	Communicates needs, desires and ideas using simple sentences.	Asks simple questions and stays on topic for two to three exchanges.	Tells stories and engages in conversations through multiple exchanges.	Explains thoughts about familiar people, places and events.	Discusses ideas and feelings about a wide range of age-appropriate topics. Stays on topic throughout discussion.	Uses expression, tone and pacing to reinforce the meaning of what s/he is communicating. Clarifies meaning during a discussion.
		8.2 Speaks in sentences	Duplicates single sounds.	Says one- to two-word sentences.	Says two- to four-word sentences and repeats short phrases.	Speaks in sentences but does not always follow grammatical rules.	Speaks in simple complete sentences. Uses question words in speech.	Speaks audibly. Makes nouns plural by adding /s/. Uses common prepositions.	Uses many types of sentences, including simple and compound. Uses verb tense to express past, present and future.	Uses common irregular plural nouns and conjugated verbs.
	9 Vocabulary	9.1 Builds vocabulary	Makes noises and gestures to communicate.	Repeats words heard frequently in environment.	Identifies familiar people, places, and objects. Asks what a specific person or object are called.	Describes familiar people, places and objects. Seeks additional words for new ways to describe.	Includes new and technical words in everyday conversations. Asks what unfamiliar words mean.	Uses new or technical words learned in conversations or through reading. Compares words and their meanings.	Identifies words whose meaning are similar. Determines the meaning of unknown words from context or from root word.	Explains the difference between closely related words. Uses multiple strategies to determine and learn the meaning of unfamiliar words.
	10 Phonological Awareness	10.1 Hears small units of sound	Babbles and vocalizes using sound, volume and inflection.	Imitates sounds and tones.	Shows awareness of separate words in spoken language.	Identifies words that have a similar beginning sound.	Identifies the beginning and ending sounds of words.	Counts syllables in spoken words. Isolates and pronounces the sound of each syllable.	Identifies and isolates individual sounds heard in one-syllable words.	Manipulates, substitutes and deletes sounds in words.
		10.2 Identifies rhyme and alliteration	Hears rhyming songs and games.	Repeats the last word in familiar rhymes when prompted.	Suggests a missing rhyming word within a poem or song.	Identifies when two words rhyme or don't rhyme.	Suggests a series of rhyming words when given a word.	Explains which sound of given word is the rime and which sound is the onset.	Recognizes blends, digraphs, letter patterns and simple word families.	Manipulates syllables in words, including prefixes and suffixes.
	11 Concepts of Print	11.1 Demonstrates print knowledge	Looks or points to pictures and opens/closes books.	Recognizes if pictures are right-side up. Turns pages from front to back of book.	Identifies the front/back and top/bottom of a book. Indicates where to start reading on each page.	Identifies letters, words, spaces and some punctuation. Follows the direction of text.	Touches a written word on the page for each spoken word (but not necessarily the correct word). Tracks print from the end of one line to the beginning of the next line.	Recognizes common types of text (poem, storybook, fact book). Names author and illustrator. Identifies punctuation.	Explains the difference between books that tell stories and those that give information.	Describes the overall structure of a story, including the introduction, problem and conclusion.
	12 Letter/Word Recognition	12.1 Identifies letters and words	Looks for familiar people and objects when given their names.	Identifies a familiar object or person when shown a drawing or photo.	Recognizes the difference between pictures, letters and numbers in print.	Recognizes some common words in print; such as their his/her name, mom, dad or stop.	Names all upper and lower case letters when presented in random order. When shown a two to three letter word, can find it in print.	Reads high frequency sight words.	Reads and decodes root words with inflectional endings (e.g. ed, ing, s).	Decodes words with common prefixes and suffixes. Uses context or rereads to determine the meaning of unknown words.
		12.2 Makes letter-sound connections	Babbles or repeats sounds.	Points at words printed on a page and pretends to read aloud.	Recognizes the sound of the first letter in his/her name.	Identifies six to seven letters and their sounds.	Identifies twelve to fifteen letters and their sounds. Recognizes that letters make up words.	Identifies all letters and their sounds. Begins to sound out the letters in two- to four-letter words.	Recognizes letter patterns, word families, long and short vowel sounds, whole word chunks, digraphs and blends.	Applies phonics strategies and word analysis skills to decode unfamiliar words.
	13 Reading Comprehension	13.1 Responds to text	Interacts by reaching or patting when a book is read.	Points to pictures and repeats words from familiar stories.	Talks about pictures and ideas in familiar stories.	Anticipates what come next in familiar stories. Expresses likes or dislikes within the story.	Relates to the characters or events of the story and shares a similar experience or object from own life.	With support, compares similarities between two texts.	Makes many text-to-text, -self and -world connections. Compares similarities and differences between two texts.	Evaluates texts based on content, personal experiences and knowledge of the world. Compares the main points of two texts.
		13.2 Retells, asks and answers questions	Holds book and looks intently at each page.	Answers "Where is...?" questions by pointing.	Answers "What...?" questions about stories and books. Recalls the name of the main character.	Participates with others in the retelling of a story by pointing at pictures or role-playing with props.	Retells portions of a story. As the story is read, asks and answers simple questions about characters, setting and events.	With prompting, answers questions about characters and setting. Retells major events of a story in sequence.	Retells stories and includes key details. Asks and answers questions about setting, characters and events. Explains who is speaking at various points throughout the story.	Summarizes texts and their messages. Describes the points of view of various characters and how they each respond to challenges or events in the story.
	14 Emergent Writing	14.1 Writes name, words and sentences	Grips a writing utensil and uses it with help.	Makes continuous marks with writing tools.	Writes letter-like forms and creates his/her own symbols.	Attempts to print or copy familiar symbols and letters, especially those that are in own name.	Prints first name. Copies print. Uses inventive spelling.	Prints first and last name. Prints upper and lower case letters appropriately.	Prints first and last name with proper capitalization. Writes simple sentences. Begins to use traditional spelling.	Writes simple and compound sentences. Uses commas. Checks and corrects spelling.
		14.2 Expresses through writing	Explores writing materials.	Makes marks or handprints on paper.	Scribbles or draws marks as a representation of an object or person.	Draws lines, circles or shapes and explains who or what they represent.	Uses a combination of drawing, dictating and writing to express and record an event or idea.	Uses inventive spelling to write words that are connected to a given topic or opinion. Draws pictures to support writing.	Writes a string of simple sentences to tell a story or share information. Provides a concluding statement.	Writes ideas or groups information in logical order. Uses descriptive words in writing.

Skill	Goal	Pre-production	Early Production	Speech Emergence	Intermediate Fluency	Advanced Fluency	
Second Language Acquisition	34 Approach to Second Language Acquisition	34.1 Participates using target language	Observes interactions in target language, but may not participate.	When prompted, uses gestures and words in target language to participate in group interactions.	Uses target language to actively participate, working around any language barriers.	Initiates interactions in target language, displaying adequate conversational proficiency with minimal language barriers.	Uses target language confidently and comfortably to participate. Begins to display written and academic proficiency for developmental level.
		34.2 Demonstrates initiative with target language	Uses cues and gestures to understand interactions in target language.	Asks for repetition of target language to clarify understanding.	Seeks explanations for unknown words and phrases in target language.	Asks questions in target language to clarify meanings of idioms and complex interactions.	Uses context clues and resources to clarify any misunderstandings.
	35 Comprehension of Second Language	35.1 Demonstrates comprehension of target language	Responds to cues, such as gestures and visualizations.	Responds to simple words and phrases in target language, especially in combination with other cues.	Responds to simple stories and short discussions in target language.	Responds to stories, jokes and lengthy discussions in target language.	Demonstrates near-native comprehension of target language in all contexts.
36 Communication in Second Language	36.1 Uses target language to communicate	Uses cues, gestures and visualizations to communicate.	Uses words and memorized phrases in target language to communicate.	Formulates sentences by combining familiar words and phrases in target language. May make frequent errors.	Uses increasingly complex linguistic structures in target language with minimal grammatical errors.	Uses target language effectively in all contexts.	

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123 Mathematics and Reasoning	15 Number Concepts	15.1 Identifies numerals	Hears numbers in everyday context.	Recognizes the numeral one and sees other numerals around the room.	Recognizes numerals to three.	Identifies numerals to five.	Identifies numerals to ten.	Identifies and writes numerals to twenty.	Identifies numerals to one hundred and understands place value to the hundreds place.	Compares and orders numerals to one thousand, understands place value and identifies if a number is even or odd.
		15.2 Counts to determine quantity	Hears rote counting.	Verbally counts (not always in correct order).	Points to one object at a time while counting (not always in correct order).	Counts up to ten objects.	Counts up to twenty objects.	Counts to one hundred by ones and tens. Counts forward from a given number.	Counts in sequence to 120 from a given number. Uses manipulatives to group and count units.	Counts by fives, tens, and hundreds to one thousand. Adds and subtracts within twenty.
		15.3 Understands operations	Looks for an object that is taken out of sight.	Demonstrates an understanding of one, two and more.	Creates groups of objects. Adds and removes to group as prompted.	Creates and counts groups of up to five objects. Removes objects from the group as prompted and recounts.	Solves addition and subtraction problems within ten.	Decomposes numbers less than or equal to ten into pairs in more than one way (e.g., 7=3+4, 7=5+2).	Demonstrates an understanding of the meaning of the equal sign and determines if a given addition or subtraction equation is true or false.	Solves for the unknown in one- and two-step addition or subtraction word problems. Explains problem-solving strategies.
	16 Shapes	16.1 Identifies shapes	Manipulates objects that are a variety of shapes.	Matches two identical shapes.	Identifies a few basic shapes.	Identifies four to six basic geometric shapes.	Describes basic and complex two- and three-dimensional shapes using own words.	Describes objects in the environment as two- and three-dimensional shapes.	Builds and analyzes complex shapes constructed from simpler shapes. Separates circles and rectangles into two and four equal parts.	Identifies and draws complex shapes.
		16.2 Manipulates parts and wholes	Tries to put one object inside of another.	Fills container and then dumps out the contents.	Puts together two to three pieces to create a whole object.	Uses a guide to put together six to twelve pieces to make a whole object.	Creates a whole object from many pieces without using a guide.	Creates complex shapes by putting together other shapes. Takes apart complex shapes into simpler shape pieces.	Separates a shape into halves, thirds and fourths.	
	17 Spatial Awareness	17.1 Flips and rotates objects	Plays with objects and toys that are a variety of shapes.	Purposely turns or spins objects.	Recognizes familiar objects that are up-side down and turns them right-side up.	Matches two similar objects that are turned or positioned in different ways.	Identifies and corrects the orientation of familiar objects and symbols.	Identifies two- and three-dimensional shapes and symbols regardless of orientation.	Matches two-dimensional shapes to corresponding three-dimensional shapes. Recognizes symmetry.	Determines when shapes have been slid, turned or flipped and describes the translation.
		17.2 Determines object location	Participates as caregiver raises arms or legs and says up/down.	Follows simple positional directions such as on/off, over/under and up/down.	When prompted, finds or places objects next to, between, in front of or behind self.	When prompted, finds or places objects next to, between, in front of or behind objects not related to self.	Explains the location of an object in relation to another object or person.	Makes simple maps or models to represent the location of objects.	Gives and follows positional instructions to find objects or places.	Uses representations, coordinate systems and maps to identify locations of objects or places.
	18 Patterns and Sorting	18.1 Identifies and creates patterns	Plays predictable activities with caregivers such as patty-cake and peek-a-boo.	Attempts to mimic vocal and physical patterns.	Copies patterns with two steps, such as red-blue, red-blue.	Creates and extends two-step patterns.	Creates and extends three- and four-step patterns and plays complex memory games.	Determines the missing piece of a pattern within a set sequence. Recognizes simple patterns in the environment.	Creates or extends increasing or decreasing patterns.	Develops and explains his/her own formula for creating a variety of patterns.
		18.2 Matches, sorts and charts	Recognizes familiar people and objects.	When shown one object, finds the match.	Sort objects by one feature, such as size or color.	After sorting objects by one feature, sorts again by a different feature.	Sorts objects by more than one feature and explains why.	Identifies, sorts and classifies objects by at least two features.	Answers questions about data or objects sorted in up to three categories.	Uses graphs and charts to represent data sorted in up to four categories.
	19 Measurement	19.1 Estimates and measures	Recognizes when to use whole hand or just two fingers to pick up an object.	Explores size and weight of objects in relation to self.	Determines which object is bigger (heavier, longer) when given two objects.	Uses non-standard measurement tools to estimate approximate size or volume. Verifies estimation with help.	Estimates (not always logically) size and volume. Measures and describes findings.	Makes logical estimates and uses measurement tools to check estimation.	Explains which measurement tool makes best sense for the object being measured. Tells time in hours and half-hours.	Tells time. Estimates length in inches, feet, centimeters or meters. Measures an object using a variety of measurement standards.
		19.2 Compares and seriates	Picks up and puts down objects. Demonstrates an understanding of more.	Places objects in a line. Demonstrates an understanding of more, none and one.	Compares and orders two to three objects according to size, length, hue or weight.	Orders multiple objects by one feature using process of elimination. Describes order using first, then and last.	Arranges and orders multiple objects by size, length, hue or weight. Recalls a sequence of events.	Orders multiple objects by two or more features. Orders events in time.	Compares the length of two objects by using a third object (the length unit). Orders three objects by length.	Compares and explains how much longer one object is than another using standard units of measurement.
	20 Logic	20.1 Solves problems	Reacts to a problem and seeks a desired outcome.	Experiments with cause and effect.	Recognizes a problem and asks for help.	Tries out many possible solutions to a problem.	Uses previous knowledge to determine which solution to try first when solving a problem.	Mentally eliminates possible solutions to a problem by thinking through their potential results.	Explains the sequence of his/her problem-solving strategy.	Solves hypothetical problems by connecting personal experiences to possible solutions.

Social Studies	21 Families and Communities	21.1 Identifies community and family roles	Responds to primary caregivers.	Recognizes the difference between a familiar and unfamiliar person.	Identifies familiar people and pets.	Describes family members and their relationship to self. Identifies and role-plays familiar community helpers.	Identifies roles of self and others and describes the job each may do.	Compares roles, rules and responsibilities between different groups.	Describes how roles and responsibilities or families and groups change over time.	Identifies features in rural, urban and suburban communities and how these features impact roles and responsibilities.
		21.2 Explores cultures and traditions	Is exposed to family traditions or cultural events.	With help, participates in family traditions and customs.	Recognizes familiar symbols or artifacts of family traditions or customs.	Describes the routines, familiar stories, traditions, foods and celebrations of own family and community.	Explains the meaning and importance of their own traditions and customs. Begins to learn about other cultures.	Explains the meaning and importance of traditions and customs of other people.	Compares diverse cultures and traditions.	Names influential people and events that have impacted familiar cultures and traditions.
		21.3 Respects diversity	Sees diverse features of people in books, toys and media.	Explores people and their features side by side in a book or a mirror.	Identifies physical similarities and differences between self and others.	Interacts with peers who look, learn, believe or move differently.	Asks questions about how others live, eat, play and believe.	Explains how individuals, families and cultures differ.	Demonstrates an understanding that some people have different needs or beliefs than self and seeks to support them accordingly.	Demonstrates respect for people who look differently and have differing abilities or traditions.
	22 Civics and Economics	22.1 Understands citizenship	Attends to others in immediate environment.	Participates in communal activities.	Recognizes and attends to authority figures.	Follows familiar rules and helps make group decisions.	Applies familiar rules and suggests new rules in a variety of situations.	Discusses the purposes of rules, laws and civic leaders. Participates in voting to make decisions.	Identifies individual rights. Determines if rules support the common good.	Describes different levels of government (local, state, national). Makes democratic decisions.
		22.2 Understands concepts of trade	Grasps and releases objects.	Expresses a desire for an object or action. Says me, mine.	Recognizes ownership of familiar objects.	Asks before taking an object that does not belong to self. Offers a toy or object to another person.	Explores the use of trade to receive objects or services.	Exchanges money, goods or services for other goods or services.	Describes ways one might use money, goods or services.	Explains how and why people work together in trade to get what they need and want.
	23 Geography	23.1 Identifies types of places	Responds to changes in the immediate environment.	Recognizes familiar places.	Identifies a variety of familiar places, such as the store, car, home or Grandma's.	Identifies different types of water bodies, streets, buildings and landmarks in own community.	Explains the purpose for different types of structures, such as bridges and buildings. Asks questions about landmarks.	Compares the geographic features of own community to another community.	Identifies and describes various types of landforms and natural resources.	Explains how the physical features and characteristics of an environment affect how people live.
		23.2 Uses maps	Navigates within a familiar environment.	Finds ways to move around obstacles in a familiar environment.	Follows a path.	Recognizes symbols and landmarks.	Identifies what is represented on a map. Draws pictures of current location.	Recreates a map of something s/he cannot immediately see.	Locates familiar places on maps. Uses cardinal directions to follow and give directions.	Uses a variety of maps to gather information.
	24 History	24.1 Describes past events	Focuses on interactions with others for a short time.	Observes events and begins to participate.	Describes events as they happen. Uses words such as first, then.	Recalls information and events from the past.	Uses language of time to describe familiar sequences of events.	Retells historical, fictional or past events or stories.	Compares and contrasts current and historical conditions of familiar environments.	Describes relationships between past events and current conditions. Explains why it is important to understand historical events.

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Science	25 Scientific Reasoning	25.1 Inquires and predicts	Looks for a person or toy that has moved out of sight.	Asks one- to two-word questions.	Identifies personal interests and seeks more information.	When given a question, guesses a possible answer or outcome.	Asks questions or shows curiosity about scientific phenomenon. Predicts a few outcomes.	Predicts multiple outcomes to a question or situation and explains personal reasoning.	Inquires about a scientific phenomenon and explains which prediction seems most probable.	Asks relevant questions and makes logical hypotheses about scientific phenomena based on prior knowledge.	
		25.2 Observes and experiments	Explores cause and effect.	Uses senses to explore environment.	Investigates an object or group of objects in multiple ways.	Observes and describes actions or changes that occur to familiar objects and people.	Explores scientific phenomenon and records observations by drawing.	Gathers information or experiments to prove/disprove a hypothesis.	Experiments or gathers information. Records findings in tables, charts or diagrams.	Conducts an experiment multiple times. Records observations and makes personal notes.	
		25.3 Evaluates and infers	Reacts to changes.	Recognizes objects, actions, sounds or people associated with a common use or routine.	Shares discoveries with others.	Uses past knowledge to explain observed changes.	Describes and compares observations of scientific phenomenon.	Uses information and observations to verify a prediction.	Uses prior knowledge and gathered information to make simple inferences.	Evaluates gathered information to explain a scientific phenomenon.	
	26 Life Science	26.1 Identifies basic needs	Responds when physical needs are not met.	Participates in taking care of some personal needs, such as feeding self.	Describes basic personal needs.	Meets most personal needs independently. Demonstrates an understanding that all people have needs.	Recognizes that all living things have similar basic needs. Distinguishes between needs and wants.	Describes how living things attain what they need to survive.	Describes how an organism's features and surroundings help it survive.	Describes threats and challenges that living things must overcome to survive.	
		26.2 Classifies organisms	Recognizes self as being separate from others.	Identifies and names familiar people, characters and animals.	Groups living things by common characteristics.	Identifies if an object can grow, eat or move.	Sorts organisms as living or non-living and explains why.	Describes the features of living things and groups them by similar features.	Explains the purpose of specific features for various groups of organisms.	Explains the relationships between a variety of species and how they fit within a larger group of animals or plants.	
	27 Physical Science	27.1 Identifies properties of matter	Uses senses to explore objects in immediate environment.	Reacts to changes in texture, smell, sound or sight.	With support, sorts objects by physical characteristics.	Describes basic physical properties of objects and materials in immediate environment.	Manipulates matter and observes any physical changes that may occur.	Classifies and sorts materials by a variety of physical properties.	Identifies materials that are solid, liquid and gaseous. Identifies matter in its various states.	Describes characteristics of solids, liquids and gases. Explains how matter changes states.	
		27.2 Explores forces and motions	Kicks feet or shakes arms to make other objects move.	Uses body to push or pull toys.	Explores motion by moving, rolling, blowing on or dropping a toy.	Explains how common vehicles, animals and people move. Sorts objects by type of movement.	Experiments with and explains invisible forces (ramps, magnets, etc.).	Experiments and compares the movement of various objects on a variety of surfaces.	Recognizes that gravity makes unsupported objects fall. Identifies objects that are attracted to magnets.	Recognizes that materials move differently on different surfaces. Explains how force is used to change the direction of moving objects.	
	28 Earth Science	28.1 Identifies weather and climates	Reacts to weather changes in immediate environment.	Understands hot and cold. Points at clouds and explores the feel of rain and wind.	Notifies changes in temperature or weather in the immediate environment.	Identifies the climate and weather in the immediate environment.	Explains how weather and climate changes may affect personal life. Identifies the current season.	Explains that different places have different kinds of weather and climates.	Explains the basic properties of the Sun, Moon and Earth. Describes the role of the sun on weather and day/night patterns.	Describes how the Sun and movements of the Earth affect climate.	
		28.2 Explores ecosystems	Explores immediate environment using senses.	Plays with rocks, sand, dirt or water. Reacts to animals or insects in immediate environment.	Identifies familiar animals, plants or rocks in immediate environment.	Describes what familiar animals eat and where they live.	Describes a habitat and its characteristics.	Describes how living things interact within a particular environment. Describes personal role in taking care of the environment.	Explains why organisms within a familiar ecosystem are interdependent. Explains how people benefit from or endanger their surrounding ecosystem.	Explores a variety of ecosystems and identifies their organisms and characteristics. Defines strategies for preserving a variety of ecosystems.	
	29 Technology	29.1 Explores technology	Explores simple tools such as toys and spoons.	Begins to use simple tools purposefully, such as using a spoon to feed self.	Explores movable parts on toys and tools. Uses on and off switches.	Explores simple machines and interacts with simple electronic and screen toys.	Experiments with simple technology to solve problems or accomplish tasks.	Uses familiar tools and technology to produce a desired result or solve a specific problem.	Experiments with familiar and unfamiliar tools and technology to achieve a variety of results.	Identifies which tools can best help save time, solve a problem or increase enjoyment.	
	Creative Development	30 Music	30.1 Develops rhythm and tone	Responds to sounds.	Responds to changes in sound, rhythm, volume or melody.	Claps to beat (not always consistently). Recognizes the difference between a singing and speaking voice.	Claps along to simple rhythm patterns. Controls voice to mimic the melodic direction.	Repeats simple rhythm patterns. Hears the change of musical phrases in a song. Sings along to familiar songs.	Creates simple rhythm patterns. Controls pitch when singing a familiar song.	Maintains a steady beat. Recognizes strong/weak beats. Begins to read rhythm notation. Matches vocal pitch in limited range.	Maintains rhythm in various meter groupings. Participates in call and response and two part rounds.
			30.2 Expresses through music	Makes sounds to communicate feelings.	Repeats words in familiar songs and attempts to sing.	Expresses likes and dislikes of familiar songs. Explores sounds by shaking, pounding and tapping various instruments and objects.	Uses voice, common objects or instruments to create music. Identifies self as a musician.	Uses voice or instruments to express feelings or to mimic sound effects.	Communicates ideas by creating rhythm and/or melody.	Interprets and compares many types of music.	Experiments and performs self-written music or rhythmic patterns.
31 Dance and Movement		31.1 Develops dance and movement techniques	Moves body in a variety of ways.	Moves body purposefully. Sways or bounces to music.	Follows the movements of others. Explores personal space and direction.	Describes and demonstrates multiple ways to move body parts. Moves to the beat of a song.	Follows a leader to perform a simple movement pattern.	Recalls a simple movement pattern and performs it individually or in a group.	Recalls and dances a sequence of 2-3 movement patterns. Identifies the beginning, middle and end of a dance.	Creates simple movement sequences.	
		31.2 Expresses through dance and movement	Uses body language to express feelings.	Uses purposeful gestures and body language to communicate.	Moves in own way to music and rhythm.	Demonstrates different levels of energy in dance (gentle movements or big, exaggerated movements).	Demonstrates the difference between spontaneous and planned movement. Creates movements based on own ideas.	Expresses ideas, feelings and stories through creative movement.	Coordinates movements of self and others to create a cohesive dance or idea.	Describes how dances and movements express certain ideas or feelings.	
32 Visual Arts		32.1 Develops artistic techniques	Explores materials using gross motor movements and senses.	Uses hands and feet to explore a variety of media.	Explores a variety of artistic tools and media.	Chooses an object or art tool to use with a given medium for a desired effect.	Uses artistic tools and media to create intentional designs or images.	Demonstrates a variety of techniques using a given tool or medium.	Uses various tools and techniques to achieve desired artistic results.	Compares artistic techniques and creations of many artists.	
		32.2 Expresses through visual arts	Expresses emotions while exploring materials.	Scribbles, colors or paints intentionally on paper.	Uses materials to create shapes and symbols.	Makes choices throughout the artistic process.	Plans and seeks out materials to make a creation.	Creates arts to represent an idea or object. Explains how it was made.	Creates art to express ideas, thoughts and feelings.	Creates art and explains why and how s/he chose specific materials and techniques.	
33 Drama		33.1 Participates in dramatic play	Imitates simple movements and facial expressions.	Mimics observed behaviors and words.	Uses words, actions and props to pretend.	Plays a role in group dramatic play.	Assigns roles and plays out unscripted scenes in dramatic play.	With cues, performs a simple pre-planned drama.	Describes how a character may feel in a given situation, then integrates that emotion into performance.	Rehearses, memorizes and performs a short play.	
		33.2 Uses and creates props	Responds to props or puppets.	Mimics the use of familiar objects.	Uses realistic toys as replacements for real objects. Distinguishes between real and pretend.	Uses any object as a replacement for a realistic prop or real object.	Uses a combination of real and imaginary props or characters to play out a scene.	Creates a setting, characters and events to tell a story.	Plans a story and seeks out props to enhance a role or highlight details.	Plans a story and creates costumes, settings or props to create a mood or environment.	