



★Mother Goose Time★

Alignment of the

Experience Early Learning Skills

with

The Nebraska Early Learning Guidelines for Ages 3–5 (2013)

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 which are imprints of the Experience Early Learning Company:

- 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 Nebraska Early Learning Guidelines with the Developmental Continuum of the Experience Early Learning Skills.

In addition to the early learning guidelines for Nebraska, Mother Goose Time also reinforces the following skills:

- 12.2 Makes letter-sound connections
- 17.1 Flips and rotates objects
- 22.1 Understands citizenship
- 22.2 Understands concepts of trade
- 23.2 Uses maps
- 27.2 Explores forces and motions
- 28.1 Identifies weather and climates
- 28.2 Explores ecosystems
- 29.1 Explores technology
- 33.2 Uses and creates props
- Second Language Acquisition

Social and Emotional Development

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Social and Emotional Development	
Self-Concept	
Child develops independence, confidence, and competence	
Likes self and shows pride in accomplishments	<p>Social and Emotional Development 1 Self Concept 1.2.E,F Takes responsibility. Independently completes a familiar activity and offers to help others with a similar activity. Takes care of own needs and personal belongings. 1.3.F Identifies and manages feelings. Identifies and explains personal feelings.</p>
Shows growing independence in a range of activities, routines, and tasks	<p>Social and Emotional Development 1 Self Concept 1.2.E Takes responsibility. Independently completes a familiar activity and offers to help others with a similar activity.</p> <p>2 Self Direction 2.2.C Maintains attention. Focuses on an engaging activity for a short period of time independently or with an adult.</p>

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<p>Joins other children in various play activities</p>	<p>Social and Emotional Development 3 Social Relationships 3.1.D Builds positive relationships. Joins a group and participates in group play.</p>
<p>Chooses from a range of activities within the program</p>	<p>Social and Emotional Development 1 Self Concept 1.1.D Expresses preference. When given two to three options, chooses his/her most desired option.</p>
<p>Child identifies own characteristics (name, age, gender, family members, etc.)</p>	<p>Social Studies 21 Families and Communities 21.3.C Respects diversity. Identifies physical similarities and differences between self and others.</p> <p>Social and Emotional Development 1 Self Concept 1.1.A Expresses preference. Responds to name and explores self in mirror.</p> <p>Science 26 Life Science 26.2.A Classifies organisms. Recognizes self as being separate from others.</p>
<p>Self-Control</p>	
<p>Child expresses feelings and shows concern for others</p>	
<p>Shows awareness and responds appropriately to the feelings of others</p>	<p>Social and Emotional Development 3 Social Relationships 3.3.F Cares for and responds to others. Identifies feelings of others and responds accordingly.</p>

<p>Calms self after excitement, expresses strong emotions constructively and controls aggression</p>	<p>Social and Emotional Development 1 Self Concept 1.3.D.E Identifies and manages feelings. Recognizes personal feelings. Controls impulses with reminders. Names some personal feelings and uses strategies to manage behavior.</p>
<p>Manages fears by expressing concerns and accepting support from adults</p>	<p>Social and Emotional Development 1 Self Concept 1.3.D.E Identifies and manages feelings. Recognizes personal feelings. Controls impulses with reminders. Names some personal feelings and uses strategies to manage behavior.</p>
<p>Child follows rules and routines</p>	
<p>Attempts to solve problems with other children independently, by negotiation or other socially acceptable means</p>	<p>Social and Emotional Development 3 Social Relationships 3.2.D,E,F Cooperates. Asks adult to help solve social problems. Tries to solve own social problems. Suggests solutions to group problems or challenges.</p> <p>Mathematics and Reasoning 20 Logic 20.1.D Solves problems. Tries out many possible solutions to a problem.</p>
<p>Participates in daily routines without being asked</p>	<p>Social and Emotional Development 2 Self Direction 2.1 Follows rules and routines</p>
<p>Builds awareness and ability to follow basic health and safety rules</p>	<p>Physical Development 6 Health and Safety 6.2.C Practices good hygiene. With help, participates in healthy habits and healthcare routines. 6.3.C Demonstrates safe practices. Follows simple safety rules.</p>
<p>Cooperation</p>	

<p>Child increases ability to sustain relationships</p>	
<p>Uses compromise and conflict resolution skills</p>	<p><u>Social and Emotional Development</u> 3 Social Relationships 3.2.D–H Cooperates. Plays cooperatively with others and begins to share. Seeks out opportunities to help others. Tries to solve own social problems. Suggests solutions to group problems or challenges. Fulfills roles and responsibilities when working in a group. Works collaboratively and flexibly within a group.</p>
<p>Plays actively with other children</p>	<p><u>Social and Emotional Development</u> 3 Social Relationships 3.1.C Builds positive relationships. Plays side-by-side with a new or familiar person.</p> <p><u>Physical Development</u> 6 Health and Safety 6.1.D Makes healthy food and exercise choices. Follows a routine of rest and active play.</p>
<p>Attempts to solve problems with other children independently, by negotiation, or other socially acceptable means</p>	<p><u>Social and Emotional Development</u> 3 Social Relationships 3.2.D,E,F Cooperates. Asks adult to help solve social problems. Tries to solve own social problems. Suggests solutions to group problems or challenges.</p> <p><u>Mathematics and Reasoning</u> 20 Logic 20.1.D Solves problems. Tries out many possible solutions to a problem.</p>
<p>Uses language to engage others in meaningful conversation</p>	<p><u>Language and Literacy</u> 8 Communication 8.1.E,G Communicates ideas. Tells stories and engages in conversations through multiple exchanges. Discusses ideas and feelings about a wide range of age-appropriate topics.</p>

<p>Social Relationships</p>	
<p>Child interacts empathetically and cooperatively with adults and peers</p>	
<p>Receives social support and shows loyalty to a friend</p>	<p><u>Social and Emotional Development</u> 3 Social Relationships 3.1.F Builds positive relationships. Begins to describe friendships and other meaningful relationships. 3.3.E Cares for and responds to others. Tries to comfort and assure familiar children or adults.</p>
<p>Solves problems with other children independently</p>	<p><u>Social and Emotional Development</u> 3 Social Relationships 3.2.E Cooperates. Tries to solve own social problems.</p>
<p>Shows awareness of and responds to the feelings of others</p>	<p><u>Social and Emotional Development</u> 3.3.F Cares for and responds to others. Identifies feelings of others and responds accordingly.</p>
<p>Knows how to join a group of playing children</p>	<p><u>Social and Emotional Development</u> 3 Social Relationships 3.1.D Builds positive relationships. Joins a group and participates in group play.</p>
<p>Knowledge of Families & Communities</p>	
<p>Child understands and respects similarities and differences among adults and children in their program, home, and community</p>	

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<p>Begins to understand various family roles, jobs, and rules</p>	<p>Social Studies 21 Families and Communities 21.1.D–F Identifies community and family roles. 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.</p>
<p>Child expresses some understanding of familiar locations in community such as where people live, and where stores, parks, and restaurants are located</p>	<p>Social Studies 23 Geography 23.1.C Identifies types of places. Identifies a variety of familiar places, such as the store, car, home or Grandma’s.</p>
<p>Child uses familiar words to identify family members and workers in their community</p>	<p>Social Studies 21 Families and Communities 21.1.D–F Identifies community and family roles. 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.</p>

Approaches to Learning

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Approaches to Learning	
Initiative and Curiosity	
Child uses initiative, curiosity and persistence to learn about the world	
Carries out complex and varied sequences of activities independently	<p><u>Social and Emotional Development</u> 2 Self Direction 2.3.F Transitions and adapts. Transitions from one activity to the next and helps others through the transition.</p>
Explores ways to use new materials	<p><u>Science</u> 25 Scientific Reasoning 25.2.C Observes and experiments. Investigates an object or group of objects in multiple ways.</p> <p><u>Creative Development</u> 32 Visual Arts 32.1.B,C Develops artistic techniques. Uses hands and feet to explore a variety of media. Explores a variety of artistic tools and media.</p>
Child engages in imaginative play	<p><u>Creative Development</u> 33 Drama 33.1.C Participates in dramatic play. Uses words, actions and props to pretend.</p>

<p>Child increasingly uses communication to ask questions and seek answers</p>	<p>Science 25 Scientific Reasoning 25.1.C Inquires and predicts. Identifies personal interests and seeks more information.</p> <p>Language and Literacy 8 Communication 8.1.D Communicates ideas. Asks simple questions and stays on topic for two to three exchanges.</p>
<p>Reasoning and Problem Solving</p>	
<p>Child shows increasing ability to classify, compare and contrast objects, events and experiences</p>	
<p>Makes comparisons among objects that have been observed</p>	<p>Science 25 Scientific Reasoning 25.3.E Evaluates and infers. Describes and compares observations.</p> <p>27 Physical Science 27.1.F Identifies properties of matter. Classifies and sorts materials by a variety of physical properties.</p> <p>Mathematics and Reasoning 19 Measurement 19.2 Compares and seriates. Compares and orders two to three objects according to size, length, hue or weight.</p>

<p>Sorts objects by similar qualities</p>	<p>Science 27 Physical Science 27.1.F Identifies properties of matter. Classifies and sorts materials by a variety of physical properties.</p> <p>Mathematics and Reasoning 18 Patterns and Sorting 18.2.E Matches, sorts and charts. Sorts objects by more than one feature and explains why.</p>
<p>Child tries several alternative methods to solve a problem and is highly involved and persistent</p>	<p></p>
<p>Uses active exploration and trial and error to solve problems</p>	<p>Mathematics and Reasoning 20 Logic 20.1.D Solves problems. Tries out many possible solutions to a problem.</p>
<p>Demonstrates persistence in problem solving</p>	<p>Mathematics and Reasoning 20 Logic 20.1.D Solves problems. Tries out many possible solutions to a problem.</p> <p>Social and Emotional Development 2 Self Direction 2.2.D Maintains attention. Practices or repeats an activity many times until successful.</p>

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<p>Increases ability to make predictions and find more than one solution</p>	<p>Science 25 Scientific Reasoning 25.1.C Inquires and predicts. Predicts multiple outcomes to a question or situation and explains personal reasoning.</p> <p>Mathematics and Reasoning 20 Logic 20.1.D Solves problems. Tries out many possible solutions to a problem.</p>
<p>Child reflects on experiences and information, and interprets or draws conclusions based on the information</p>	<p>Science 25 Scientific Reasoning 25.3.H Evaluates and infers. Uses prior knowledge and gathered information to make simple inferences. Evaluates gathered information to explain scientific phenomenon.</p>

Health and Physical Development

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Health and Physical Development	
Fine (Small) Motor Skills	
Child uses finger and hand control to operate and use small objects to demonstrate fine (small) motor coordination	
Uses eye-hand coordination to perform a variety of tasks	<p>Physical Development 4 Gross Motor 4.2 Coordinates large movements (throws, catches)</p> <p>5 Fine Motor 5.1 Controls small movements (snips, strings, cuts, buttons, zips, buckles, laces, ties, threads, stacks) 5.2 Uses drawing/writing tools</p>
Develops fine (small) motor skills through participation in activities	<p>Physical Development 5 Fine Motor 5.1 Controls small movements 5.2 Uses drawing/writing tools</p>
Uses strength and control to perform simple tasks	<p>Physical Development 5 Fine Motor 5.1 Controls small movements 5.2 Uses drawing/writing tools</p>

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<p>Child explores drawing and painting materials</p>	<p>Physical Development 5 Fine Motor 5.2 Uses drawing/writing tools</p> <p>Creative Development 32 Visual Arts 32.1.C Develops artistic techniques. Explores a variety of artistic tools and media.</p>
<p>Gross (Large) Motor Skills</p>	
<p>Child develops coordination, balance, spatial awareness and strength through gross (large) motor activities</p>	<p>Physical Development 4 Gross Motor 4.1 Builds strength and balance 4.2 Coordinates large movements</p>
<p>Child develops gross (large) motor skills</p>	
<p>Coordinates both hands to manipulate large objects</p>	<p>Physical Development 4 Gross Motor 4.2.B,C,D Coordinates large movements. 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.</p>
<p>Continues to develop body flexibility and coordination</p>	<p>Physical Development 4 Gross Motor 4.1 Builds strength and balance 4.2 Coordinates large movements</p>
<p>Uses indoor and outdoor gross (large) motor equipment safely and appropriately</p>	<p>Physical Development 4 Gross Motor 4.1.G Builds strength and balance. Balances on a variety of objects. 4.2.G Coordinates large movements. Kicks or strikes moving objects with aim and accuracy. Stops at a boundary.</p>

<p>Health Status and Practices</p>	
<p>Child develops an awareness of health, nutrition and safety</p>	
<p>Shows growing independence in hygiene, nutrition, and personal care when eating, dressing, washing hands, brushing teeth, and toileting</p>	<p>Physical Development 6 Health and Safety 6.1 Makes healthy food and exercise choices 6.2.C,D Practices good hygiene. With help, participates in healthy habits and healthcare routines. Regulates toileting and hand-washing needs.</p>
<p>Develops knowledge and skills about what to do in case of fire, storm, injury or other emergencies</p>	<p>Physical Development 6 Health and Safety 6.3.G Demonstrates safe practices. Identifies emergency situations. Describes how to get help and behave during them.</p>
<p>Identifies potentially harmful objects, substances or behaviors, knows to leave them alone and tell an adult</p>	<p>Physical Development 6 Health and Safety 6.3.D Demonstrates safe practices. Identifies dangerous situations and seeks out help.</p>
<p>Child develops an understanding of the need for regular physical exercise and activity</p>	<p>Physical Development 6 Health and Safety 6.1.D,F,G Makes healthy food and exercise choices. Follows a routine of rest and active play. Regulates personal needs for nutrition, activity and rest with few reminders. Explains the importance of nutrition, exercise and rest in maintaining wellness.</p>
<p>Nutrition</p>	
<p>Child shows knowledge of healthy eating and lifestyle habits</p>	

<p>Demonstrates knowledge that some foods are healthier than others</p>	<p>Physical Development 6 Health and Safety 6.1.E,F Makes healthy food and exercise choices. Identifies food groups and sorts food. Chooses between two appropriate food options or rest options. Identifies food that is nutritious.</p>
<p>Uses manners during meals/snacks, including asking for second helpings</p>	<p>Social and Emotional Development 1 Self Concept 1.2.F,G,H Takes responsibility. 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.</p>
<p>Child begins to develop interest in foods and eating styles of other cultures</p>	<p>Social Studies 21.2.E,F Explores cultures and traditions. Begins to learn about other cultures. Explains the meaning and importance of traditions and customs of other people. 21.3.E,F Respects diversity. Asks questions about how others live, eat, play and believe. Explains how individuals, families and cultures differ.</p>
<p>Child understands that healthy foods help them to grow and give them energy to play and think</p>	<p>Physical Development 6 Health and Safety 6.1.G,H Makes healthy food and exercise choices. Explains the importance of nutrition, exercise and rest in maintaining wellness. Explains how feeling well is related to proper nutrition, exercise and rest.</p>

Language and Literacy Development

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Language and Literacy Development	
Listening and Understanding	
Child listens to directions and conversations with understanding	
Demonstrates understanding of the meaning of stories, songs and poems	<p>Language and Literacy 13 Reading Comprehension 13.2.E Retells, asks and answers questions. Retells portions of a story. As the story is being read, asks and answers simple questions about characters, setting and events.</p> <p>7 Listening Comprehension 7.1.D Comprehends spoken language. Listens to a story or request and then responds appropriately.</p>
Child follows directions in sequences of actions	
Follows single and multi-step or complex directions	<p>Language and Literacy 7 Listening Comprehension 7.2.E Follows verbal directions. With prompting, follows multi-step directions given verbally.</p>
Child listens to others and responds to feelings and expressed ideas	

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<p>Responds to simple, direct, conversational sentences, either verbally or by alternative means</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 7 Listening Comprehension 7.1.C,D Comprehends spoken language. Responds to simple statements and questions. Listens to a story or request and then responds appropriately.</p>
<p>Child demonstrates understanding of native and/or English languages for social interactions and program directions/ activities</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 7 Listening Comprehension 7.1.C–F Comprehends spoken language. 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 questions about information or stories shared orally. 7.2 Follows verbal directions</p>
<p>Speaking and Communicating</p>	
<p>Child communicates needs, wants or thoughts through words, gestures, actions, or expressions</p>	
<p>Uses sentences that include two or more separate ideas</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 8 Communication 8.2.G Speaks in sentences. Uses many types of sentences, including simple and compound.</p>
<p>Initiates interactions with adults and peers</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 8 Communication 8.1.C Communicates ideas. Communicates needs, desires and ideas using simple sentences. Social and Emotional Development 3 Social Relationships 3.1.E Builds positive relationships. Initiates play, conversations and interactions with one or more persons.</p>

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Child communicates for a variety of purposes	
Attempts to solve problems with other children independently by communicating with them	Social and Emotional Development 3 Social Relationships 3.2.F Cooperates. Suggests solutions to group problems or challenges.
Greets adults and peers	Social and Emotional Development 3 Social Relationships 3.1.B Builds positive relationships. Greets and stays near familiar people.
Child uses English or native language to share feelings and express ideas	Language and Literacy 8 Communication 8.1.C,G Communicates ideas. Communicates needs, desires and ideas using simple sentences. Discusses ideas and feelings about a wide range of age-appropriate topics.
Child uses new vocabulary that has been introduced	Language and Literacy 9 Vocabulary 9.1.E Builds vocabulary. Includes new and technical words in everyday conversations.
Phonological Awareness	
Child shows knowledge of phonological awareness (the ability to hear and understand the different sounds of language)	
Recognizes matching sounds and rhymes in familiar words, games, songs, stories and poems	Language and Literacy 10 Phonological Awareness 10.1.D,E Hears small units of sound. Identifies words that have a similar beginning sound. Identifies the beginning and ending sounds of words. 10.2 Identifies rhyme and alliteration

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<p>Spontaneously repeats songs, rhymes and chants, and creates nonsense words</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 10 Phonological Awareness 10.2.B Identifies rhyme and alliteration. Repeats the last word in familiar rhymes when prompted.</p> <p>Creative Development 30 Music 30.1.E Develops rhythm and tone. Sings along to familiar songs. 30.2.B Expresses through music. Repeats words in familiar songs and attempts to sing.</p>
<p>Child progresses in listening and telling differences in phonemes (smallest parts of sound in a spoken word)</p>	
<p>Identifies words that begin with the same sound</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 10 Phonological Awareness 10.1.D,E Hears small units of sound. Identifies words that have a similar beginning sound.</p>
<p>Child recognizes the connection between spoken and written words</p>	
<p>Shows growing ability to hear and discriminate separate syllables in words</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 10 Phonological Awareness 10.1.F Hears small units of sound. Counts syllables in spoken words. Isolates and pronounces the sound of each syllable.</p>
<p>Isolates beginning and ending sounds of printed or spoken words</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 10 Phonological Awareness 10.1.E,G Hears small units of sound. Identifies the beginning and ending sounds of words. Identifies and isolates individual sounds heard in one-syllable words.</p>

<p>Book Knowledge and Appreciation</p>	
<p>Child demonstrates interest in and appreciation of reading-related activities</p>	
<p>Shows interest when stories are read</p>	<p><u>Social and Emotional Development</u> 1 Self Concept 1.1.C Expresses preference. Expresses likes and dislikes.</p> <p><u>Language and Literacy</u> 13 Reading Comprehension 13.1 Responds to text</p>
<p>Relates events in story to own knowledge and experience</p>	<p><u>Language and Literacy</u> 13 Reading Comprehension 13.1.E Responds to text. Relates to the characters or events of the story and shares a similar experience or object from own life.</p>
<p>Child increases knowledge about books and how they typically are read</p>	
<p>Holds book right side up</p>	<p><u>Language and Literacy</u> 11 Concepts of Print 11.1.B,C Demonstrates print knowledge. Recognizes if pictures are right-side up. Turn pages from front to back of book. Identifies the front/back and top/bottom of a book.</p>
<p>Turns pages front to back</p>	<p><u>Language and Literacy</u> 11 Concepts of Print 11.1.B Demonstrates print knowledge. Recognizes if pictures are right-side up. Turn pages from front to back of book.</p>
<p>Knows specific words related to books such as author and illustrator</p>	<p><u>Language and Literacy</u> 11 Concepts of Print 11.1.F Demonstrates print knowledge. Names author and illustrator.</p>

<p>Child learns to sequence and predict a story</p>	
<p>Picture reads; tells about the story from the pictures on the cover or in the book</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 13 Reading Comprehension 13.1.B,C,D Responds to text. Points to pictures and repeats words from familiar stories. Talks about pictures and ideas in familiar stories. Anticipates what comes next in familiar stories.</p>
<p>Print Awareness and Concepts</p>	
<p>Child shows an awareness of print as a form of meaningful communication</p>	
<p>Follows the print on the page, moving eyes from left to right and top to bottom (uses finger under print)</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 11 Concepts of Print 11.1.B–E Demonstrates print knowledge. Recognizes if pictures are right-side up. Turn pages from front to back of book. Identifies the front/back and top/bottom of a book. Follows the direction of text. Tracks print from the end of one line to the beginning of the next line.</p>
<p>Identifies some letters and numbers</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 11 Concepts of Print 11.1.D Demonstrates print knowledge. Identifies letters, words, spaces and some punctuation.</p> <p>12 Letter/Word Recognition 12.1.C,D Identifies letters and words. Recognizes the difference between pictures, letters and numbers in print. Recognizes some common words in print, such as his/her name, mom, dad or stop.</p> <p>Mathematics and Reasoning 15 Number Concepts 15.1 Identifies numerals</p>

<p>Recognizes and begins to write own name</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 14 Emergent Writing 14.1.D,E Writes name, words and sentences. Attempts to print or copy familiar symbols and letters, especially those that are in own name. Prints first name.</p>
<p>“Reads” familiar environmental print (logos, posters, signs, etc.)</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 12 Letter/Word Recognition 12.1.C,D Identifies letters and words. Recognizes the difference between pictures, letters and numbers in print. Recognizes some common words in print, such as his/her name, mom, dad or stop.</p>
<p>Child understands that each spoken word can be written down and read</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 11 Concepts of Print 11.1.E Demonstrates print knowledge. Touches a written word for each spoken word.</p>
<p>Early Writing and Alphabet Knowledge</p>	
<p>Child shows an interest in early writing</p>	
<p>Uses scribbles, shapes or pictures to represent specific thoughts, ideas, stories</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 14 Emergent Writing 14.2.C,D Expresses through writing. Scribbles or draws marks as a representation of an object or person. Draws lines, circles or shapes and explains who or what they represent.</p>
<p>Child progresses in the identification of letters</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 12 Letter/Word Recognition 12.1.E Identifies letters and words. Names all upper and lower case letters when presented in random order.</p>

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<p>Identifies some letters and numbers</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 11 Concepts of Print 11.1.D Demonstrates print knowledge. Identifies letters, words, spaces and some punctuation.</p> <p>12 Letter/Word Recognition 12.1.C,D Identifies letters and words. Recognizes the difference between pictures, letters and numbers in print. Recognizes some common words in print, such as his/her name, mom, dad or stop.</p> <p>Mathematics and Reasoning 15 Number Concepts 15.1 Identifies numerals</p>
<p>Uses pretend writing in play as a purposeful activity</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 14 Emergent Writing 14.2 Expresses through writing.</p> <p>Creative Development 33 Drama 33.1.C Participates in dramatic play. Uses words, actions and props to pretend.</p>
<p>Child recognizes and/or writes own name on artwork or possessions</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 14 Emergent Writing 14.1.E Writes name, words and sentences. Prints first name.</p>

Mathematics

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Mathematics	
Number and Operations	
Child develops awareness of numerals	
Counts up to ten or higher	<p>Mathematics and Reasoning 15 Number Concepts 15.2.D,E,F Counts to determine quantity. Counts up to ten objects. Counts up to twenty objects. Counts to one hundred by ones and tens. Counts forward from a given number.</p>
Can judge whether groups of up to five objects each contain the same number of objects	<p>Mathematics and Reasoning 15 Number Concepts 15.2.G Counts to determine quantity. Uses manipulatives to group and count objects. 15.3.D Understands operations. Creates and counts groups of up to five objects.</p>
Uses one to one matching (correspondence)	<p>Mathematics and Reasoning 15 Number Concepts 15.2.C Counts to determine quantity. Points to one object at a time while counting.</p>

<p>Distinguishes between numbers and letters</p>	<p>Mathematics and Reasoning 15 Number Concepts 15.1 Identifies numerals</p> <p>Language and Literacy 12 Letter/Word Recognition 12.1.C Identifies letters and words. Recognizes the difference between pictures, letters and numbers in print.</p>
<p>Child uses language to demonstrate understanding of space and time (next to, on top of, before, after, etc.)</p>	
<p>Begins to learn sequences of events in time (first, next, last, etc.)</p>	<p>Mathematics and Reasoning 19 Measurement 19.2.D,E,F Compares and seriates. Describes order using first, then and last. Recalls a sequence of events. Orders events in time.</p>
<p>Child develops an understanding of the counting process</p>	
<p>Counts in nursery rhymes; counts all types of objects; plays with counting forward or backward</p>	<p>Mathematics and Reasoning 15 Number Concepts 15.2.C,F–H Counts to determine quantity. Points to one object at a time while counting. Counts forward from a given number. Uses manipulatives to group and count units. Counts by fives, tens and hundred. Adds and subtracts within twenty.</p>
<p>Geometry and Spatial Sense</p>	
<p>Child develops knowledge of geometric principles</p>	

Learns about shapes	<p>Mathematics and Reasoning 16 Shapes 16.1 Identifies shapes</p>
Classifies and sorts different shapes	<p>Mathematics and Reasoning 16 Shapes 16.1.D–G Identifies 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. Describes and draws defining features of shapes.</p> <p>18 Patterns and Sorting 18.2.E,F Matches, sorts and charts. Sorts objects by more than one feature and explains why. Identifies, sorts and classifies objects by at least two features.</p>
Combines different shapes to make representations or patterns	<p>Mathematics and Reasoning 16 Shapes 16.2.C,D Manipulates parts and wholes. 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.</p> <p>18 Patterns and Sorting 18.1 Identifies and creates patterns</p>
Child develops spatial sense	
Uses comparison words correctly	<p>Mathematics and Reasoning 19 Measurement 19.2 Compares and seriates</p> <p>Language and Literacy 9 Vocabulary 9.1 Builds vocabulary.</p>

Uses words that describe the relative position of things	Mathematics and Reasoning 17 Spatial Awareness 17.2.E Determines object location. Explains the location of an object in relation to another object or person.
Child groups objects together that are the same in some way and gives reasons for groupings	Mathematics and Reasoning 18 Patterns and Sorting 18.2.E Matches, sorts and charts. Sorts objects by more than one feature and explains why.
Patterns and Measurement	
Child develops knowledge of patterns	
Begins to recognize duplicates and extends simple patterns using a variety of materials	Mathematics and Reasoning 18 Patterns and Sorting 18.1.C,D Identifies and creates patterns. Copies patterns with two steps, such as red–blue, red–blue. Creates and extends two–step patterns.
Describes patterns in the environment	Mathematics and Reasoning 18 Patterns and Sorting 18.1.F Identifies and creates patterns. Recognizes simple patterns in the environment.
Child demonstrates use of measurement	
Uses standard and/or non-standard measures	Mathematics and Reasoning 19 Measurement 19.1.D,F Estimates and measures. Uses nonstandard measurement tools to estimate approximate size or volume. Makes logical estimates and uses measurement tools to check estimation.

<p>Recognizes that different types of measurement can be made (height, length, weight, etc.)</p>	<p>Mathematics and Reasoning 19 Measurement 19.1.H Estimates and measures. Measures an object using a variety of measurement standards.</p>
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Science	
Scientific Skills and Methods	
Child develops scientific skills and methods	
Makes observations, and describes objects and processes in the environment	<p>Science 25 Scientific Reasoning 25.2.B,C,D Observes and experiments. Uses senses to explore the environment. Investigates an object or group of objects in multiple ways. Observes and describes actions or changes that occur to familiar objects or people.</p>
Begins to make comparisons between objects that have been observed	<p>Science 25 Scientific Reasoning 25.3.E Evaluates and infers. Describes and compares observations of scientific phenomenon.</p> <p>Mathematics and Reasoning 19 Measurement 19.2 Compares and seriates</p>

<p>Begins to find answers to questions through active investigation</p>	<p>Science 25 Scientific Reasoning 25.2.C–H Observes and experiments. Investigates an object or group of objects in multiple ways. Observes and describes actions or changes that occur to familiar objects or people. Explores scientific phenomenon and records observations by drawing. Gathers information or experiments to prove/disprove a hypothesis. Records findings in tables, charts or diagrams. Conducts an experiment multiple times. Records observations and makes personal notes.</p>
<p>Child uses sentences that include two or more ideas with descriptive details</p>	<p>Language and Literacy 14 Emergent Writing 14.1.H Writes name, words and sentences. Writes simple and compound sentences. 14.2.H Expresses through writing. Uses descriptive words in writing</p>
<p>Child uses senses, materials, events in nature, and the environment to investigate and expand knowledge</p>	<p>Science 25 Scientific Reasoning 25.2.B–F Observes and experiments. Uses senses to explore the environment. Investigates an object or group of objects in multiple ways. Observes and describes actions or changes that occur to familiar objects or people. Explores scientific phenomenon and records observations by drawing. Gathers information or experiments to prove/disprove a hypothesis.</p>
<p>Scientific Knowledge</p>	
<p>Child develops knowledge of the scientific process</p>	
<p>Shows interest in active investigation</p>	<p>Science 25 Scientific Reasoning 25.1.C,E Inquires and predicts. Identifies personal interests and seeks more information. Asks questions or shows curiosity about scientific phenomenon.</p>

<p>Begins to make comparisons among objects that have been observed</p>	<p>Science 25 Scientific Reasoning 25.3.E Evaluates and infers. Describes and compares observations of scientific phenomenon.</p> <p>Mathematics and Reasoning 19 Measurement 19.2 Compares and seriates</p>
<p>Describes or represents a series of events in the correct sequence</p>	<p>Mathematics and Reasoning 19 Measurement 19.2.D,E,F Compares and seriates. Describes order using first, then and last. Recalls a sequence of events. Orders events in time.</p> <p>Social Studies 24 History 24.1.E Describes past events. Uses language of time to describe familiar sequences of events.</p>
<p>Child demonstrates understanding of simple cause and effect relationships</p>	<p>Science 25 Scientific Reasoning 25.2.A Observes and experiments. Explores cause and effect.</p> <p>Mathematics and Reasoning 20 Logic 20.1.B Solves problems. Experiments with cause and effect.</p>
<p>Child shows interest in measurement of time, length, distance, and weight</p>	<p>Mathematics and Reasoning 19 Measurement 19.1.B–G Estimates and measures. Explores size and weight of objects in relation to self. Determines which object is bigger (heavier, longer) when given two objects. Uses nonstandard measurement tools to estimate approximate size or volume. Estimates size and volume. Makes logical estimates and uses measurement tools to check estimation. Tells time in hours and half-hours.</p>

<p>Child develops increased ability to observe and discuss things that are common and things that are different</p>	<p>Science 25 Scientific Reasoning 25.3.E Evaluates and infers. Describes and compares observations of scientific phenomenon.</p> <p>26 Life Science 26.1.E,F Classifies organisms. Sorts organisms as living or nonliving and explains why. Describes the features of living things and groups them by similar features.</p> <p>Language and Literacy 8 Communication 8.1.G Communicates ideas. Discusses ideas and feelings about a wide range of age-appropriate topics.</p>
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Creative Arts

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Creative Arts	
Music	
Child is able to sing, play, move and create music, expressing individual imagination	
Takes the lead in music activities	<p><u>Creative Development</u> 30 Music 30.1 Develops rhythm and tone 30.2 Expresses through music</p> <p><u>Social and Emotional Development</u> 3 Social Relationships 3.1.E Builds positive relationships. Initiates play, conversations and interactions with one or more persons.</p>
Develops an appreciation for music	<p><u>Creative Development</u> 30 Music 30.1 Develops rhythm and tone 30.2.C,D,E Expresses through music. Expresses likes and dislikes of familiar songs. Identifies self as a musician. Uses voice or instruments to express feelings or to mimic sound effects.</p>
Child responds to music through movement	

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<p>Responds to the beat of songs or instrumental music with more complex movements (walking or jumping to the beat)</p>	<p>Creative Development 31 Dance and Movement 31.1.D Develops dance and movement techniques. Moves to the beat of a song. 31.2.C Expresses through dance and movement. Moves in own way to music and rhythm.</p>
<p>Uses music as an avenue to express thoughts, feelings, and energy</p>	<p>Creative Development 31 Dance and Movement 31.2.D,E,F Expresses through dance and movement. Demonstrates different levels of energy in dance (gentle movements or big, exaggerated movements). Demonstrates the difference between spontaneous and planned movements. Creates movements based on own ideas. Expresses ideas, feelings and stories through creative movement.</p>
<p>Describes and carries out movement sequences</p>	<p>Creative Development 31 Dance and Movement 31.1.F,G,H Develops dance and movement techniques. Recalls a simple movement pattern and performs it individually or in a group. Recalls and dances a sequence of 2–3 movement patterns. Creates simple movement sequences.</p>
<p>Child is able to distinguish between different types of music (loud/soft, fast/slow, happy/sad, etc.)</p>	<p>Creative Development 30 Music 30.2.G Expresses through music. Interprets and compares many types of music.</p>
<p>Art</p>	
<p>Child progresses in exploration and experimentation with new materials</p>	

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<p>Uses materials to make a simple representation and describes or demonstrates how it was made</p>	<p><u>Creative Development</u> 32 Visual Arts 32.2.F Expresses through visual arts. Creates art to represent an idea or object. Explains how it was made.</p>
<p>Child gains experience in making shapes and linear patterns</p>	
<p>Draws or paints images with a few details</p>	<p><u>Creative Development</u> 32 Visual Arts 31.1.E Develops artistic technique. Uses artistic tools and media to create intentional designs or images.</p>
<p>Child broadens artistic exploration</p>	
<p>Develops confidence in own creative expression through process-oriented experiences</p>	<p><u>Creative Development</u> 32 Visual Arts 32.2.H Expresses through visual arts. Creates art and explains why and how s/he chose specific materials and techniques.</p>
<p>Child uses materials to build and create a structure to represent another item (blocks become a castle, clay becomes a snake, etc.)</p>	<p><u>Creative Development</u> 32 Visual Arts 31.1.D Develops artistic techniques. Chooses an item or art tool to use with a given medium for a desired effect. 32.2.E,F Expresses through visual arts. Plans and seeks out materials to make a creation. Creates art to represent an idea or object.</p>
<p>Movement</p>	
<p>Child expresses strong emphasis, steady beats and changing dynamics in various musical tempos and styles through movement</p>	

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<p>Responds to the beat of songs or instrumental music with more complex movements (walking or jumping to the beat, clapping, etc.)</p>	<p>Creative Development 31 Dance and Movement 31.1.D Develops dance and movement techniques. Moves to the beat of a song. 31.2.C Expresses through dance and movement. Moves in own way to music and rhythm.</p>
<p>Child demonstrates a sense of balance and body coordination</p>	
<p>Demonstrates a wide variety of positions (stretching, bending, rocking, twisting, etc.)</p>	<p>Creative Development 31 Dance and Movement 31.1.D Develops dance and movement techniques. Describes and demonstrates multiple ways to move body parts.</p>
<p>Child represents experiences through movement</p>	
<p>Demonstrates concepts (feelings, directions, words, ideas, etc.)</p>	<p>Creative Development 31 Dance and Movement 31.2.D,E,F Expresses through dance and movement. Demonstrates different levels of energy in dance (gentle movements, or big, exaggerated movements). Demonstrates the difference between spontaneous and planned movement. Creates movement based on own ideas. Expresses ideas, feelings and stories through creative movement.</p>
<p>Dramatic Play</p>	
<p>Child participates in a variety of dramatic play activities</p>	

<p>Uses words, actions and materials to portray a role, situation or setting</p>	<p><u>Creative Development</u> 33 Drama 33.1.C,D Participates in dramatic play. Uses words, actions, and props to pretend. Plays a role in a group dramatic play.</p>
<p>Engages in role play with two or more children</p>	<p><u>Creative Development</u> 33 Drama 33.1.D Participates in dramatic play. Plays a role in a group dramatic play.</p>
<p>Child imagines and clearly describes characters, their relationships and their environment in dramatic play situations</p>	<p></p>
<p>Assumes the role of someone or something else, or talks in language relevant to the assumed role</p>	<p><u>Creative Development</u> 33 Drama 33.1.C,D,G Participates in dramatic play. Uses words, actions, and props to pretend. Plays a role in a group dramatic play. Describes how a character may feel in a given situation then integrates that emotion into performance.</p>



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Skill	Goal	Benchmark A	Benchmark B	Benchmark C	Benchmark D	Benchmark E	Benchmark F	Benchmark G	Benchmark H	
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.	Follows rules and routines. Expresses feelings about fairness.	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 oneself 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. Stocks 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	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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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 increasingly complex linguistic structures in target language with minimal grammatical errors.	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
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 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.	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.
	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.	Describes and draws defining features of shapes.	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.	Builds and analyzes complex shapes constructed from simpler shapes. Separates circles and rectangles into two and four equal parts.	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 upside 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 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 or 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 how matter changes 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.		

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