

Gee Whiz Developmental Areas & Learning Indicators

Language Development



- LD1 Understands spoken language
- LD2 Understands & then uses an ever increasing vocabulary
- LD3 Uses language to express ideas, wants & needs
- LD4 Increasingly engages adults & other children in conversations



Literacy Knowledge



- LK1 Shows an interest in books and understands stories are a way of sharing information
- LK2 Understands that language is made up of words, which can be broken down into syllables
- LK3 Begins to name letters and identify their sounds
- LK4 Understand concepts about print (e.g., reading from left to right, logos as symbols, etc.)
- LK5 Begins to use a variety of writing tools to use writing (invented or true) as a way to convey thoughts and ideas

Math Knowledge



- MK1 Understands that numbers tell "how many"
- MK2 Recognized that numbers go in a specific order
- MK3 Recognizes shapes and positional concepts
- MK4 Creates, imitates and/or extends patterns
- MK5 Utilizes measurement (standard and nonstandard) to compare and contrast objects (includes graphing)
- MK6 Sort or groups objects based on common characteristics

Science Knowledge



- SK1 Utilizes observation and other senses to explore and gather information about objects and experiences
- SK2 Makes and tests predictions using simple experimentation
- SK3 Gathers information about the natural world through hands-on exploration

Logic & Reasoning



- LR1 Demonstrates the ability to identify a problem and then seeks ways to solve it
- LR2 Understands that symbols or objects can be used to represent different things



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Approaches to Learning



- AL1 Shows interest in many topics and a desire to try new things
- AL2 Displays persistence when completing tasks and is able to avoid distractions
- AL3 Engages in cooperative group experiences



Social Studies Knowledge



- SS1 Understands how families are unique and different
- SS2 Develops a basic understanding of community, including common jobs
- SS3 Recognizes the importance of caring for the environment
- SS4 Develops a baseline understanding of how the past affects us and our community

Social & Emotional Development



- SE1 Demonstrates a secure relationship with caregivers or other adults as well as positive interactions with other children
- SE2 Demonstrates a positive self-concept by sharing preferences, expressing feelings freely & displaying confidence
- SE3 Demonstrates self-regulation by handling emotions in an appropriate way & following simple rules
- SE4 Demonstrates a range of appropriate emotions

Creative Arts & Music



- CA1 Participates in musical activities including singing & utilizing instruments
- CA2 Uses movement & dance to express ideas and emotions
- CA3 Utilizes a variety of art materials (both two- and three-dimensional) to express self
- CA4 Engages in pretend play with, or without, the use of props

Physical Development & Health



- PD1 Understands the importance of exercise & rest
- PD2 Takes pride in caring for self (e.g., brushing teeth, dressing, eating healthy foods, etc.)
- PD3 Practices safe habits and understands basic safety rules
- PD4 Demonstrates gross motor skills (e.g., running, hopping, skipping, etc.)
- PD5 Demonstrates fine motor control (e.g., writing, pouring, cutting, etc.)

