

Preschool Learning Skills

Work Skills

- Begins to listen attentively
- Begins to listen and follow directions
- Develops an ability to listen for various purposes
- Begins to make appropriate transitions
- Begins to focus on and complete tasks
- Begins to cooperate with others
- Begins to help others
- Becomes more independent

Organizational Skills

- Begins to unpack and pack backpack
- Begins to demonstrate responsibility for classroom materials

Study Skills

- Visits the public library

Preschool Reading

- Examine **conventions of print** (left to right, top to bottom, holds book correctly)
- Actively listen and respond to oral reading
- Examine the title of a story
- Recognize story order
- Begin to recognize rhyme
- Listen to poetry and nursery rhyme
- Begin to visualize
- Vary voice and speech techniques
- Participate in discussions
- Retell a story
- Make predictions about story events
- Dramatize
- Increase vocabulary
- Recognize first name in print
- Recite the alphabet
- Begin to recognize letter sounds
- Visit the public library
- Look at books

Preschool Language Arts

Grammar

- Uses conventional English
- Develops a working vocabulary of objects

Writing

- Dictates ideas and thoughts
- Begins to use relevant illustrations

Speaking and Listening

- Demonstrates increased attention
- Increases and applies vocabulary
- Displays courtesy and manners in speaking and listening
- Develops an ability to listen for various purposes
- Follows simple, oral directions
- Participates in discussions
- Asks and answers questions appropriately
- Begins to use directional words to describe location
- States first name

Handwriting

- Begins to establish hand dominance
- Begins to properly hold a writing implement and uses it for various purposes

Preschool Math

Numbers and Operations

- Count to 10
- Recognize written numerals
- Write numerals
- Demonstrate one to one correspondence
- Count objects in a group

Algebraic Concepts

- Demonstrate addition and subtraction

Geometry

- Recognize and compare shapes

Measurement

- Compare and contrast size
- Use measuring devices
- Interpret calendar concepts
- Name days of the week

Data Analysis

- Sort by attributes
- Recognize patterns

Preschool Science

- Participate in hands-on science projects, labs, and activities
- Explore the world through the five senses
- Observe and discuss how season changes effect living things
- Explore and discuss changes in weather
- Explore and discuss the cycle of life
- Demonstrate and discuss care for living things
- Explore motion of objects

Preschool Environmental Education

Ecology

Identifies living and nonliving things in the immediate and surrounding environment
Identifies the basic needs of plants and animals
Identifies the change of seasons in the environment

Watersheds and Wetlands

Identifies various types of moving water in Pennsylvania

Natural Resources

Identifies how the environment provided for the needs of people in their daily lives
Identifies natural resources available to people in their daily lives

Agriculture and Society

Recognizes that plants and animals grow and change

Humans and the Environment

Identifies things in the natural environment that can be harmful to people, pets, and other living things
Identifies ways people pollute the environment
Describes how everyday human activities generate waste
Names and demonstrates acts of conservation
Recycles, reduces, and reuses

Preschool Social Studies

Civics and Government

- Begin to recognize national symbols, songs, and holidays
- Identify self as part of a group
- Identify a problem and discuss possible solutions with adult assistance
- Recite the Pledge of Allegiance
- State rules and consequences within the classroom
- Begin to state the need for rules and consequences in home, school, and community
- Identify community workers
- Begin to describe the role community workers have within the community
- Identify positions of authority in the school and family
- State "Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible"
- Participate in the voting process

Geography

- Identify a map
- Use maps in play
- Describe the locations and uses of important areas within the home and school
- Begin to use directional vocabulary

Economics

- Identify money
- Use money in play
- Make a choice and explain the reason for the choice
- Begin to recognize locally produced products
- Begin to recognize basic needs
- Recognize modes of transportation

History

- Discuss historical events and holidays
- Discuss people in history

Preschool Character Education

- Identify and express feelings
- Recognize and identify feelings of others
- Begin to identify social cues such as facial expressions and body language
- Begin to recognize similarities and differences in others' feelings
- Describe situations that evoke feelings
- Begin to use "I" messages (i.e. I feel sad when...)
- Respond with appropriate action to someone in distress
- Begin to manage behavior through anger management techniques
- Practice good manners and proper etiquette

Preschool Health

Mental and Social Health

- Understands and names emotions
- Demonstrates feelings through facial expressions
- Explains ways in which people express feelings

Growth and Development

- Recognizes stages of human development; infant, child, and adult
- Identifies basic body parts
- Experiments with physical movement
- Explores changes in heart rate and breathing

Hygiene and Personal Health

- Begins to develop healthy hygiene habits
- Discusses how germs are spread

Nutrition

- Discusses the basic food groups
- Identifies foods as either healthy or unhealthy

Safety and Injury Prevention

- Begins to develop an awareness of personal and traffic safety
- Develops an awareness of fire safety practices
- Realizes the importance of reporting an injury to an adult
- Recognizes emergency situations and explains appropriate responses
- Begins to seek first aid for injuries
- Begins to understand poisons and their harmful effects upon the body
- Discusses techniques for personal safety
- Recognizes safe and unsafe touches
- Realizes the importance of reporting unsafe touching to an appropriate adult

Preschool Art

- create art through the use of shape and color
- use a variety of materials and tools
- use imaginations to create individualized design
- experience and explore a variety of art exhibits and performances

Preschool Religion

Biblical Stories

- Listen to and respond to various Bible stories from the Old and New Testament
- Explore biblical stories through different media
- Listen to and sing Bible songs

Traditions

- Begin to show familiarity with aspects of worship and chapel procedures
- Recite the Lord's Prayer
- Begin to recite the Apostle's Creed
- Listen to and perform songs for worship
- Explore the areas of the church building
- Listen to and respond to stories of other faiths
- Listen to and sing songs from other faiths
- Examine celebrations of other faiths

Peace and Justice

- Begin to show respect for self and others
- Become aware of one's actions and their affect on others
- Explore the connection between religion and the environment

Preschool World Language

- Recites appropriate greetings, introductions, and courtesy expressions
- Understands classroom commands
- Recites numbers 0-10
- Recites color words
- Recites weather
- Identifies fruits and animals
- Identifies body parts
- Identifies family members
- Develops an understanding of the culture

Preschool Music

- Creates, responds to, and performs music
- Explores sound through singing, moving, listening, and playing instruments
- Sings with a group
- Listens to music from a variety of cultures, styles, and time periods, in different mediums

Preschool Physical Education

- Engages in physical activities that promote physical fitness and health
- Participates in movement exploration with and without manipulatives
- Develops gross motor movements (walking, running, jumping)
- Participates in rhythmic activities
- Engages in balance activities
- Develops throwing, catching, and kicking skills
- Experiments with jump ropes
- Participates in unstructured and structured activities
- Begins to use rules and safe practices in physical activities
- Begins to develop good sportsmanship