

Theme Learning Goals

✓ = Early Growth Indicator

LITERACY

Phonological Awareness

- ✓ blends onset and rime

Letter Knowledge

- ✓ identifies a growing number of letters
- ✓ focuses on letter names and shapes: *Jj, Hh, li*
 - notices beginning letter and sound in words
 - is introduced to letter sounds: *j /j/, h /h/, i /i/*

Comprehension

- ✓ follows directions
 - differentiates between real and make-believe
 - retells important facts from an informational text
 - identifies story elements

Oral Language/Vocabulary

- ✓ names, describes objects
- ✓ retells sequence and details of a story
 - develops an awareness of action words
 - sustains conversations
 - speaks in complete sentences
 - interprets charts, illustrations

Book/Print Awareness

- identifies and explains text features
- shows where reading begins and ends on a page
- understands functions of different forms of print
- recognizes graphic aids

Writing, Written Expression

- participates in shared, interactive, and independent writing
- uses known letters to represent written language
- writes five or more recognizable letters

Motivation to Read

- independently engages in reading behaviors

Fluency

- recites with expression and rhythm

MATH

Number Sense

- ✓ compares numbers of objects in groups
 - uses ordinal numbers
 - combines and separates groups

Geometry/Spatial Sense

- understands, describes positions
- recognizes, names, draws shapes

Time

- uses terms for time; categorizes time intervals

Measurement

- compares size, amount, weight

Problem Solving

- follows a step-by-step plan to solve a problem

SOCIAL STUDIES

- recognizes interests, traditions, and skills that make people unique
- demonstrates social skills that help people play together
- explains sequence of events

SCIENCE

- identifies sun, moon, stars
- describes ways that objects, animals, people move
- identifies sounds made by objects
- sorts objects and describes organization
- explores observable changes in earth materials

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- sets goals, develops plans, follows through
- cooperates; solves problems
- learns how to make and keep friends
- pursues challenges, accepts setbacks without giving up

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Gross Motor Skills

- shows increasing proficiency in control, balance, and weight transference

Fine Motor Skills

- controls fingers individually

FINE ARTS

Art

- describes content in works of art
- uses a variety of materials to create original work

Music

- distinguishes among the sounds of several common instruments
- responds to music with movement

Dramatic Play

- recreates stories through dramatic representations

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- understands the need for exercise
- knows about safe behavior around bodies of water
- knows how to cross a street safely

MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY

- understands environmental sounds