

**Learning Box Preschool Curriculum Alignment
with the
District of Columbia Common Core Early Learning Standards - Preschool (2012)**

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

Preschool

Approaches to Learning/ Logic and Reasoning

1. Attends and engages with curiosity

1a. Chooses tasks of interest; responds to adult encouragement

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SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others

SE 3.4 Initiates learning

AL 3.2 Asks questions and problem solves

AL 3.1 Demonstrates a desire to seek out information

2. Shows persistence

2a. Continues an activity even when there are challenges; may stop and later return to a self-selected activity

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SE 3.1 Maintains focus

AL 2.1 Ability to participate for longer periods of time

AL 4.2 Displays a positive attitude

AL 4.1 Accepts change and failure

3. Approaches tasks flexibly

3a. Finds solutions without having to try every possibility; may change approach

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AL 4.2 Displays a positive attitude

SE 3.2 Shows flexibility within routines

SE 2.2 Cooperates

4. Uses symbols and takes on pretend roles

4a. Uses props in pretend play with one or more children; substitutes one object for another; activity is often theme-based

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SS 3.1 Understands roles and occupations in society

CE 4.1 Participates in dramatic play

Communication & Language

5. Demonstrates understanding of spoken language

5a. Responds to more complex questions, statements, and texts read aloud that present new vocabulary and ideas

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LL 5.3 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately

LL 5.1 Responds to text

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information
LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

6. Uses language to express self

6a. Uses new vocabulary in everyday speech to meet own needs and to explain, describe, and manage social relationships

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LL 5.3 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately
LL 6.1 Participates in conversations
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information
LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

7. Uses conventional grammar and syntax

7a. Uses longer sentences with plurals, adjectives, adverbs, and negatives, but not always with correct grammar

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LL 6.3 Speaks in sentences
LL 6.1 Participates in conversations
LL 4.2 Uses age-appropriate grammar

8. Uses conventional conversational and other social communication skills

8a. Initiates and engages in conversations of as many as three exchanges

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LL 6.3 Speaks in sentences
LL 6.1 Participates in conversations
LL 4.2 Uses age-appropriate grammar
AL 2.2 Communicates verbally or through body language

Literacy

9. Demonstrates understanding of print concepts

9a. Understands that print has meaning and corresponds with spoken language; orients book correctly and turns pages

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LL 2.1 Shows understanding of print concepts
LL 3.2 Understands that letters and words have meaning
LL 8.2 Aware that letters and words can be written down and read

10. Demonstrates comprehension of printed materials read aloud

10a. Uses some words and/ or concepts from the text to talk about a story, poem, or informational text read aloud.

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LL 7.2 Participates in reading
LL 5.1 Responds to text
LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately
LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words
LL 6.1 Participates in conversations
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

LL 3.2 Understands that letters and words have meaning
LL 8.2 Aware that letters and words can be written down and read

11. Hears and discriminates the sounds of language

11a. Plays with language experimenting with beginning and ending sounds

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LL 1.1 Demonstrates understanding of sounds, rhyme, and patterns in letters and words

LL 3.2 Understands that letters and words have meaning

LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately

12. Writes letters and words

12a. Uses letter-like forms, letter strings, some letter combinations that are words

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LL 8.1 Writes letters, words, and name

LL 8.2 Aware that words and symbols can be written down and read

13. Understands the purpose of writing and drawing

13a. Dictates and draws to share or record information and tell stories

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LL 8.1 Writes letters, words, and name

LL 8.2 Aware that words and symbols can be written down and read

LL 3.2 Understands that letters and words have meaning

CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art

Mathematics

14. Matches, groups, and classifies objects

14a. Groups objects on the basis of a single characteristic e.g. color, size, or shape

14b. Copies simple patterns

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M 2.1 Follows and/or creates simple patterns

M 2.2 Classifies, sorts, and charts data

15. Demonstrates knowledge of number and counting

15a. Counts to 10 by rote; accurately assigns number names to quantities up to 5 (one-to-one correspondence); recognizes a few numerals and connects each to a quantity

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M 1.1 Understands and identifies numbers and quantities

16. Demonstrates knowledge of volume, height, weight, and length

16a. Understands reasons for measuring and the purpose of measuring tools; uses standard and nonstandard tools and some measurement words; begins to order a few objects according to height and length

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LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

M 4.1 Compares and orders

M 4.2 Measures and/or estimates

PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

17. Identifies and labels shapes

17a. Names a few basic two-dimensional shapes

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M 3.1 Identifies shapes

18. Demonstrates understanding of positional words

18a. Follows directions to place objects or body beside, between, or next to

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M 3.2 Comprehends positions in space

Scientific Inquiry

19. Observes and describes the characteristics of living things

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S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

S 1.2 Makes predictions and describes outcomes

S 3.1 Understands characteristics of living things

20. Observes and describes the properties of physical objects

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S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

S 1.2 Makes predictions and describes outcomes

S 4.1 Recognizes physical properties of objects and materials

21. Observes and describes characteristics of Earth and space

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S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

S 1.2 Makes predictions and describes outcomes

S 2.1 Identifies characteristic of Earth's environment

22. Demonstrates scientific thinking

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S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

S 1.2 Makes predictions and describes outcomes

AL 3.2 Asks questions and problem solves

M 5.1 Solves mathematical problems

Social Studies

23. Demonstrates understanding of people and how they live

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SS 1.1 Identifies personal and family roles within their home and community

SS 1.2 Examines diversity, culture, and traditions

SS 2.1 Understands citizenship and responsibilities

SS 3.1 Understands roles and occupations in society

SS 3.2 Understands the role of money in society

SS 4.1 Comprehends and compares characteristics of the local area

SS 4.2 Develops mapping skills

- SS 4.3 Shows concern for the environment*
- SS 5.1 Shows interest in personal and family history*
- SS 5.2 Shows interest and shares past, current, and future events*

The Arts

- 24. Engages in music, movement, and drama activities
 - Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old*
 - CE 1.1 Participates and/or enjoys music*
 - CE 2.1 Expresses self through dance*
 - CE 2.2 Participates in a variety of body movements*
 - CE 4.1 Participates in dramatic play*

- 25 Explores the visual arts
 - Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old*
 - CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art*
 - PD 3.1 Controls small muscle movement*
 - PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects*

Social– Emotional Development

- 26. Expresses a variety of feelings and learns to manage them
 - 26a. Uses strategies learned from adults to manage feelings; begins to label feelings
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 - SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others*
 - SE 4.1 Manages emotions appropriately*
 - SE 2.2 Cooperates*

- 27. Recognizes the feelings and rights of others, and responds appropriately
 - 27a. Responds positively to others' demonstration of feelings
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 - SE 2.2 Cooperates*
 - SE 2.3 Shows empathy for others*
 - SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others*
 - AL 4.2 Displays a positive attitude*

- 28. Manages own behavior
 - 28a. Follows classroom rules and routines (including new ones) with occasional reminders
 - Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old*
 - SE 3.5 Accepts responsibility*
 - AL 5.3 Follows directions*
 - SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others*
 - SE 4.1 Manages emotions appropriately*
 - SE 2.2 Cooperates*

- 29. Develops positive relationships with adults
 - 29a. Engages with trusted adults for information and socializing; manages separations

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SE 2.1 Makes positive social connections
AL 5.1 Initiates social interactions

30. Engages and plays with peers

30a. Uses successful strategies to initiate or join an activity with several children

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SE 2.1 Makes positive social connections
AL 5.1 Initiates social interactions
SE 2.2 cooperates
SE 3.3 Cooperates within shared space

31. Resolves conflicts with others

31a. Asks adults for help and sometimes suggests ways to solve social problems

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AL 3.2 Asks questions and problem solves
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information
SE 4.1 Manages emotions appropriately
SE 2.3 Shows empathy for others

Physical Development/ Health and Safety

32. Demonstrates strength and coordination of large muscles

32a. Engages in complex large- muscle activities that involve flexibility, control, and a full range of motion

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PD 2.1 Displays balance and coordination
PD 2.2 Uses locomotor skills
PD 4.1 Actively participates
PD 4.2 Builds muscular strength and/or cardiovascular endurance

33. Demonstrates strength and coordination of small muscles

33a. Uses finger and hand movements to work with small objects and accomplish tasks

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PD 3.1 Controls small muscle movement
PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects
PD 3.3 Exhibits hand-eye coordination

34. Demonstrates behaviors that promote health and safety

34a. Follows familiar health and safety rules with occasional reminders

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PD 1.1 Practices daily-self care
PD 1.2 Comprehends and applies safety rules
PD 1.3 Makes healthy food choices

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