

Learning Box Preschool Curriculum Alignment with the Massachusetts Guidelines for Preschool Learning Experiences (2003) Ages 3-5 Years Old

Language

1. Observe and use appropriate ways of interacting in a group (taking turns in talking; listening to peers; waiting until someone is finished; asking questions and waiting for an answer; gaining the floor in appropriate ways).

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

SE 2.2 Cooperates

SE 3.3 Cooperates within shared space

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

SE 2.1 Makes positive social connections

LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

2. Participate actively in discussions, listen to the ideas of others, and ask and answer relevant questions.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

3. Communicate personal experiences or interests.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

4. Engage in play experiences that involve naming and sorting common words into various classifications using general and specific language.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

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

LL 3.3 Identifies letters and words

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

5. Listen to and use formal and informal language.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

Reading & Literature

6. Listen to a wide variety of age appropriate literature read aloud.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
LL 7.1 Enjoys reading
LL 7.2 Participates in reading
LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately
LL 5.1 Responds to text

7. Develop familiarity with the forms of alphabet letters, awareness of print, and letter forms.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
LL 1.1 Demonstrates understanding of sounds, rhyme, and patterns in letters and words
LL 3.3 Identifies letters and words
LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

8. Listen to, identify, and manipulate language sounds to develop auditory discrimination and phonemic awareness.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
LL 1.1 Demonstrates understanding of sounds, rhyme, and patterns in letters and words
LL 3.3 Identifies letters and words
LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

9. Link letters with sounds in play activities
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
LL 1.1 Demonstrates understanding of sounds, rhyme, and patterns in letters and words
LL 3.3 Identifies letters and words
LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

10. Engage actively in read-aloud activities by asking questions, offering ideas, predicting or retelling important parts of a story or informational book.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
LL 7.1 Enjoys reading
LL 7.2 Participates in reading
LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately
LL 5.1 Responds to text

11. Listen to several books by the same author or using the same illustrator.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
LL 7.1 Enjoys reading
LL 7.2 Participates in reading
LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately
LL 5.1 Responds to text

12. Listen to, recite, sing, and dramatize a variety of age-appropriate literature.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
CE 1.1 Participates and enjoys music
CE 4.1 Participates in dramatic play

LL 7.1 Enjoys reading
LL 7.2 Participates in reading
LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately
LL 5.1 Responds to text
SE 2.2 Cooperates

13. Relate themes and information in books to personal experiences.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 7.2 Participates in reading
LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately
LL 6.1 Participates in conversation
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information
SS 5.2 Shows interest and/or shares past, current, and future events

14. Recognize and supply rhythm and rhyme in poetry.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 1.1 Demonstrates understanding of sounds, rhyme, and patterns in letters and words
LL 3.3 Identifies letters and words
LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

15. Listen to, recognize, and use a broad vocabulary of sensory words.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 1.1 Demonstrates understanding of sounds, rhyme, and patterns in letters and words
LL 3.3 Identifies letters and words
LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

16. Use their own words or illustrations to describe their experiences, tell imaginative stories, or communicate information about a topic of interest.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

CE 3.1 Communicates through visual arts
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information
SS 5.2 Shows interest and/or shares past, current, and future events
LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately
LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

17. Add details or make changes to published or class-made stories.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 8.1 Write letters, words, and name
LL 8.2 Aware that words can be written down and read
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

18. Use emergent writing skills to make letters in many settings and for many purposes.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 8.1 Write letters, words, and name
LL 8.2 Aware that words can be written down and read
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

19. Arrange events in order when dictating a story.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately

LL 6.1 Participates in conversation

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

M 4.1 Compares and orders

20. Generate questions and gather information to answer their questions in various ways.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

AL 3.2 Asks questions and problem solves

AL 3.1 Demonstrates a desire to seek out information

SE 3.4 Initiates learning

Mathematics

Number Sense

1. Listen to and say the names of numbers in meaningful contexts.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

M 1.1 Understands numbers and quantities

M 1.2 Identifies numbers and relationships

LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately

2. Connect many kinds/quantities of concrete objects and actions to numbers.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

M 1.1 Understands numbers and quantities

M 1.2 Identifies numbers and relationships

LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately

3. Use positional language and ordinal numbers (first, second, third) in everyday activities.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

M 3.2 Comprehends positions in space

M 1.1 Understands numbers and quantities

M 1.2 Identifies numbers and relationships

4. Use concrete objects to solve simple addition and subtraction problems using comparative language (more than, fewer than, same number of).

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

M 1.1 Understands numbers and quantities

M 1.2 Identifies numbers and relationships

M 5.1 Solves mathematical problems

5. Observe and manipulate concrete examples of whole and half.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

M 4.2 Measures and/or estimates

M 1.1 Understands numbers and quantities

M 1.2 Identifies numbers and relationships

M 5.1 Solves mathematical problems

6. Examine, manipulate, and identify familiar U.S. coins (penny, nickel, dime, quarter) in play activities.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

SS 3.2 Understands the role of money in society

M 4.1 Compares and orders

Patterns and Relations

7. Explore and describe a wide variety of concrete objects by their attributes.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

M 4.1 Compares and orders

M 2.2 Classifies, sorts, and charts data

8. Sort, categorize, or classify objects by more than one attribute.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

M 4.1 Compares and orders

M 2.2 Classifies, sorts, and charts data

9. Recognize, describe, reproduce, extend, create, and compare repeating patterns of concrete materials.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

M 2.1 Follows and/or creates simple patterns

AL 1.1 Uses imagination and creativity to create new ideas or extend understanding

Shapes & Spatial Sense

10. Investigate and identify materials of various shapes, using appropriate language.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

M 3.1 Identifies shapes

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

11. Explore and identify space, direction, movement, relative position, and size using body movement and concrete objects.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

M 3.2 Comprehends positions in space

CE 2.2 Participates in a variety of body movements

PD 2.2 Uses locomotor movement

PD 3.1 Controls small muscle movement

PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

12. Listen to and use comparative words to describe the relationships of objects to one another.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL5.3 Compares and contrasts

LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately

Measurement

13. Use estimation in meaningful ways and follow up by verifying the accuracy of estimations.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

M 4.2 Measures and/or estimates

14. Use nonstandard units to measure length, weight, and amount of content in familiar objects.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

M 4.2 Measures and/or estimates

Data Collection & Analysis

15. Organize and draw conclusions from facts they have collected.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 1.2 Makes predictions and describes outcomes

LL 5.3 Compare and contrast

AL 3.2 Asks questions and problem solves

LL 5.4 Makes predictions

Science and Technology/Engineering

1. Ask and seek out answers to questions about objects and events with the assistance of interested adults.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

AL 5.1 Initiates social interactions

SE 3.4 Initiates learning

SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence

S 1.2 Make predictions and describes outcomes

2. Make predictions about changes in materials or objects based on past experience.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 1.2 Make predictions and describes outcomes

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

3. Identify and use simple tools appropriately to extend observations.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

4. Record observations and share ideas through simple forms of representation such as drawings.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

CE 3.1 Communicates through visual arts

M 2.2 Classifies, sorts, and charts data

Earth and Space Sciences

5. Compare and contrast natural materials such as water, rocks, soil, and living organisms using descriptive language.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

LL 4.2 Uses age-appropriate grammar

LL 5.3 Compare and contrast

S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment

S 3.1 Understands characteristics of living things

6. Explore and discuss what air is or does (air takes up space inside bubbles and beach balls; air can move things; air can support things such as parachutes and kites).

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

S 4.1 Recognizes physical properties of objects and materials

S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

7. Identify the characteristics of local weather based on first-hand observations.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

8. Explore sunlight and shadows and describe the effects of the sun or sunlight.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

9. Observe and describe or represent scientific phenomena meaningful to children's lives that have a repeating pattern (e.g., day and night).

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

M 2.1 Follows and/or creates simple patterns

S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment

S 3.1 Understands characteristics of living things

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

S 4.1 Recognizes physical properties of objects and materials

Life Sciences

10. Observe and identify the characteristics and needs of living things: humans, animals, and plants.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 3.1 Understands characteristics of living things

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

11. Investigate, describe, and compare the characteristics that differentiate living from non-living things.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment

S 3.1 Understands characteristics of living things

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

S 4.1 Recognizes physical properties of objects and materials

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

LL 5.3 Compare and contrast

12. Observe and describe plants, insects, and animals as they go through predictable life cycles.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 3.1 Understands characteristics of living things

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

13. Observe and describe ways in which many plants and animals closely resemble their parents in observed appearance.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 3.1 Understands characteristics of living things

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

14. Describe or represent living things that inhabited the earth years ago, as children express interest.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 3.1 Understands characteristics of living things

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

SS 5.2 Shows interest and/or shares past, current, and future events

Living Things and Their Environment

15. Use their senses of sight, hearing, touch, smell, and taste to explore their environment using sensory vocabulary.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

16. Observe and describe seasonal changes in plants, animals and their personal lives.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

S 3.1 Understands characteristics of living things

17. Observe and describe how natural habitats provide for the basic needs of plants and animals with respect to shelter, food, water, air, and light.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

S 3.1 Understands characteristics of living things

The Physical Sciences

18. Manipulate a wide variety of familiar and unfamiliar objects to observe, describe, and compare their properties using appropriate language.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 4.1 Recognizes physical properties of objects and materials

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

19. Explore, describe, and compare the properties of liquids and solids found in children's daily environment.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 4.1 Recognizes physical properties of objects and materials

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

20. Investigate and describe or demonstrate various ways that objects can move.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 4.1 Recognizes physical properties of objects and materials

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

21. Explore and describe various actions that can change an object's motion such as pulling, pushing, twisting, rolling, and throwing.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 5.2 Investigates how things work

S 4.1 Recognizes physical properties of objects and materials

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

22. Experiment with a variety of objects to determine when the objects can stand and ways that objects can be balanced.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 5.2 Investigates how things work

S 4.1 Recognizes physical properties of objects and materials

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

Technology and Engineering

23. Explore and describe a wide variety of natural and man-made materials through sensory experiences.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 5.1 Explores technology

S 5.2 Investigates how things work

24. Demonstrate and explain the safe and proper use of tools and materials.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 5.2 Investigates how things work

PD 1.2 Comprehends and applies safety rules

25. Explore and identify simple machines such as ramps, gears, wheels, pulleys, and levers through play experiences.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 5.2 Investigates how things work

26. Observe and describe ways that animals, birds, and insects use various parts of their bodies to accomplish certain tasks and compare them to ways people would accomplish a similar task.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 5.2 Investigates how things work

LL 5.3 Compare and contrast

History and Social Science

1. Discuss and identify the order of daily routines.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

SS Identifies personal and family roles within their home and community

2. Discuss and use vocabulary related to time in relevant activities.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

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

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

SS 5.2 Shows interest and shares past, current, and future events

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

3. Identify and describe cause and effect as they relate to personal experiences and age-appropriate stories.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

SS 5.2 Shows interest and shares past, current, and future events

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

LL 5.3 Compare and contrast

4. Engage in activities that build understanding of words for location and direction.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

SS 4.2 Develops mapping skills

SS 4.1 Comprehends and compares characteristics of the local area

M 3.1 Comprehends positions in space

5. Construct and describe simple maps of their immediate neighborhood.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

SS 4.2 Develops mapping skills

SS 4.1 Comprehends and compares characteristics of the local area

M 3.1 Comprehends positions in space

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

PD 3.1 Controls small muscle movement

PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

6. Discuss examples of rules, fairness, personal responsibilities, and authority in their own experiences and in stories read to them.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

LL 7.2 Participates in reading

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

SS 2.1 Understands citizenship and responsibilities

SE 3.5 Accepts responsibility

7. Talk about the qualities we value in a person's character such as honesty, courage, courtesy, willingness to work hard, kindness, fairness, trustworthiness, self-discipline, loyalty, and personal responsibility.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

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

SS 2.1 Understands citizenship and responsibilities

SE 3.5 Accepts responsibility

8. Discuss classroom responsibilities in daily activities.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

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

SS 2.1 Understands citizenship and responsibilities

SE 3.5 Accepts responsibility

9. Discuss roles and responsibilities of family or community members who promote the welfare and safety of children and adults.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

SS 3.1 Understands roles and occupations in society

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

SS 3.1 Identifies personal and family roles within their home and community

SS 2.1 Understands citizenship and responsibilities

SE 3.5 Accepts responsibility

10. Observe and discuss the various kinds of work people do outside and inside their homes.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

SS 3.1 Understands roles and occupations in society

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

11. Observe, discuss, and dramatize basic economic concepts such as buying and selling, producing, and consuming.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

CE 4.1 Participates in dramatic play

SS 3.2 Understands the role of money in society

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

SS 3.1 Understands roles and occupations in society

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

12. Observe some U.S. national holidays and discuss how and why we celebrate them.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

SS 1.2 Examines diversity, culture, and traditions

SS 5.2 Shows interest and shares past, current, and future events

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

13. Observe or listen to important American symbols including the American flag and its colors and shapes; the melody of the national anthem; the picture and name of the current President, and the words of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

SS 1.2 Examines diversity, culture, and traditions

SS 5.2 Shows interest and shares past, current, and future events

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

Physical Development

1. Listen to and use appropriate language describing the names and functions of parts of the human body.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

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

S 3.1 Understands characteristics of living things

2. Build body awareness, strength, and coordination through locomotion activities.

Box Preschool Foundational Skills

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

3. Discuss various aids and accommodations used by people for the activities of daily life.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 6.1 Participates in conversation

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

4. Build awareness of directionality and position in space.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
S 3.2 Comprehends positions in space
PD 2.1 Displays balance and coordination
PD 2.2 Uses locomotor skills

5. Use both sides of the body to strengthen bilateral coordination.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
S 3.2 Comprehends positions in space
PD 2.1 Displays balance and coordination
PD 2.2 Uses locomotor skills

6. Alternate the left and right sides of the body and cross the midline of the body.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
S 3.2 Comprehends positions in space
PD 2.1 Displays balance and coordination
PD 2.2 Uses locomotor skills

7. Build upper body strength and stability to gain controlled movement of shoulders.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
PD 4.2 Builds muscular strength and/or cardiovascular endurance
S 3.2 Comprehends positions in space
PD 2.1 Displays balance and coordination
PD 2.2 Uses locomotor skills
PD 2.1 Displays balance and coordination

8. Strengthen hand grasp and flexibility.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
PD 4.2 Builds muscular strength and/or cardiovascular endurance
PD 3.1 Controls small muscle movement
PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

9. Use thumb/forefinger in pincer grasp.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
PD 3.1 Controls small muscle movement
PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

10. Use a variety of tools and materials to build grasp-and-release skill.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
PD 3.1 Controls small muscle movement
PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

11. Build finger dexterity.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
PD 3.1 Controls small muscle movement
PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

12. Use eye-hand coordination, visual perception and tracking, and visual motor skills in play activities.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

PD 3.3 Exhibits hand-eye coordination

13. Discuss nutritious meals and snacks and the difference between junk food and healthy food.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

PD 1.3 Makes healthy food choices

14. Practice personal hygiene and safety measures.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

PD 1.1 Practices daily self-care

PD 1.2 Comprehends and applies safety rules

15. Discuss gender and growth in age-appropriate ways.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

Social & Emotional Health

16. Recognize and describe or represent emotions such as happiness, surprise, anger, fear, sadness.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

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

SE 4.1 Manages emotions appropriately

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

17. Talk about ways to solve or prevent problems and discuss situations that illustrate that actions have consequences.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

AL 3.2 Ask questions and problem solves

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

SE 3.4 Initiates learning

SE 2.1 Makes positive social connections

18. Talk about how people can be helpful/hurtful to one another.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

AL 3.2 Ask questions and problem solves

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

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

SE 4.1 Manages emotions appropriately
SE 2.3 Shows empathy for others

19. Practice independence and self-help skills.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

SE 4.1 Manages emotions appropriately
PD 1.1 Practices daily self-care
PD 1.2 Comprehends and applies safety rules
PD 1.3 Makes healthy food choices
SE 3.4 Initiates learning
SE 2.1 Makes positive social connections
AL 3.2 Ask questions and problem solves
SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence

20. Describe members of their family and discuss what parents do for their children to keep them safe and healthy.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

LL 6.1 Participates in conversation
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information
SS 1.1 Identifies personal and family rules within their home and community

Safety & Health Care

21. Discuss strategies to prevent injury and illness, control the spread of disease, and promote cleanliness.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

PD 1.1 Practices daily self-care
PD 1.2 Comprehends and applies safety rules
PD 1.3 Makes healthy food choices
SE 3.4 Initiates learning

22. Talk about the common symptoms of illness and injury and what they should do when they hurt or don't feel well.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others
LL 6.1 Participates in conversation
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information
PD 1.1 Practices daily self-care
PD 1.2 Comprehends and applies safety rules
PD 1.3 Makes healthy food choices
SE 3.4 Initiates learning

23. Discuss tooth care and dental health including brushing, flossing, and healthy foods.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others
LL 6.1 Participates in conversation

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information
PD 1.1 Practices daily self-care
PD 1.2 Comprehends and applies safety rules
PD 1.3 Makes healthy food choices
SE 3.4 Initiates learning

24. Discuss rules for safety in a variety of settings including fire safety, weapons safety, bus safety, seat belt use, playground safety, as well as safety at home and in the community.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

PD 1.2 Comprehends and applies safety rules
SS 3.1 Understands roles and occupations in society

25. Talk and listen to stories about safe, unsafe, and inappropriate touch and ways to protect themselves.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

AL 2.2 Communicates verbally or through body language
LL 6.1 Participates in conversations
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information
SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others
SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence

26. Talk about what to do when someone gets hurt and the rules for universal precautions (do not touch body fluids; wash hands after touching body fluids).

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

PD 1.1 Practices daily self-care
PD 1.2 Comprehends and applies safety rules

27. Identify and distinguish between substances that are safe to be taken by mouth.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

PD 1.2 Comprehends and applies safety rules

28. Describe the purpose of medicines and how they can be used or misused, and what to do in an emergency.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

PD 1.2 Comprehends and applies safety rules
SS 3.1 Understands roles and occupations in society
LL 6.1 Participates in conversations
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

29. Talk about some basic ways they can keep their environment clean or take care of it.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

SS 4.3 Shows concern for the environment
SS 2.1 Understands citizenship and responsibilities
LL 6.1 Participates in conversations
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

Movement & Dance

1. Explore activities and vocabulary related to movement, balance, strength, and flexibility.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words
PD 2.1 Displays balance and coordination
PD 2.2 Uses locomotor skills
CE 2.2 Participates in a variety of body movements
PD 4.2 Builds muscular strength and/or cardiovascular endurance
2. Respond to a variety of musical rhythms through body movement.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
CE 2.1 Expresses self through dance
PD 2.1 Displays balance and coordination
PD 2.2 Uses locomotor skills
CE 2.2 Participates in a variety of body movements
3. Participate in simple sequences of movements and dance to various kinds of music.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
CE 1.1 Participates and enjoys music
CE 2.1 Expresses self through dance
PD 2.1 Displays balance and coordination
PD 2.2 Uses locomotor skills
CE 2.2 Participates in a variety of body movements
4. Express themselves freely through movement.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
AL 1.1 Uses imagination and creativity to create new ideas or extend understanding
PD 2.2 Uses locomotor skills
CE 2.2 Participates in a variety of body movements
5. Use props to explore space and movement.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
CE 2.2 Participates in a variety of body movements
CE 4.1 Participates in dramatic play
6. Act out ways that movement and dance can show feelings or convey meaning.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
CE 4.1 Participates in dramatic play
AL 1.1 Uses imagination and creativity to create new ideas or extend understanding
PD 2.2 Uses locomotor skills
CE 2.2 Participates in a variety of body movements
7. Develop audience skills by observing performances or artists at work in various aspects of the Arts.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

- SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence*
- SE 2.1 Makes positive social connections*
- SE 3.3 Cooperates within shared space*
- CE 4.1 Participates in dramatic play*
- AL 4.2 Displays a positive attitude*
- AL 5.2 Participates in “shared thinking”*
- LL 5.3 Compare and contrast*

Music

8. Sing a variety of songs within children’s vocal range, independently and with others.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

- CE 1.1 Participates and enjoys music*
- SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence*

9. Sing expressively.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

- CE 1.1 Participates and enjoys music*
- SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence*

10. Sing songs with repetitive phrases and rhythmic patterns.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

- CE 1.1 Participates and enjoys music*
- SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence*
- LL 1.1 Demonstrates understanding of sounds, rhyme, and patterns in letters and words*
- M 2.1 Follows and creates simple patterns*

11. Listen to various kinds of instrumental music and explore a variety of melody and rhythmic instruments.

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- CE 1.1 Participates and enjoys music*

12. Play instruments using different beats, tempos, dynamics, and interpretation.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

- CE 1.1 Participates and enjoys music*

13. Listen to, imitate, and improvise sounds, patterns, or songs.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills

- CE 1.1 Participates and enjoys music*
- SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence*
- LL 1.1 Demonstrates understanding of sounds, rhyme, and patterns in letters and words*
- M 2.1 Follows and creates simple patterns*
- LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately*

Theatre Arts

14. Listen to storytellers and watch puppet shows.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately
CE 4.1 Participates in dramatic play

15. Use dramatic play, costumes, and props to pretend to be someone else.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
CE 4.1 Participates in dramatic play

16. Create characters through physical movement, gesture, sound, speech, and facial expressions.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
CE 4.1 Participates in dramatic play
AL 2.2 Communicates verbally or through body language
CE 2.2 Participates in a variety of body movements

17. Create scenarios, props, and settings for dramatizations and dramatic play.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
CE 4.1 Participates in dramatic play

Visual Arts

18. Explore a variety of age-appropriate materials and media to create two-and three-dimensional artwork.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art

19. Observe the safe and appropriate use and care of art materials.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
PD 1.2 Comprehends and applies safety rules

20. Explore and experiment with wet and dry media in a variety of colors including black and white.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art

21. Explore how color can convey mood and emotion.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art

22. Explore various types of lines in artwork and in nature.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art

23. Experiment with the use of texture in artwork.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art
24. Use basic shapes and forms of different sizes to create artwork.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art
25. Explore concepts of pattern and symmetry in the environment and artwork.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
CE 3.1 Communicates through visual arts
M 2.1 Follows and creates simple patterns
26. Create artwork from memory or imagination.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art
AL 1.1 Uses imagination and creativity to create new ideas or extend understanding
27. Choose artwork for display in the classroom, school or community or for a personal book, class book or portfolio, and explain why they chose it.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills
CE 3.1 Communicates through visual arts
SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence
LL 6.1 Participates in conversation
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

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