

Learning Box Preschool Curriculum Alignment with the The South Dakota Early Learning Guidelines

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

Social/Emotional Development

Self-Concept and Self-Confidence

Children demonstrate a positive self-concept and self-confidence in play and everyday tasks.

1. Identify themselves by name.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

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

SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

2. Describe themselves using several basic descriptors, such as gender and physical features.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

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

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

S 3.1 Understands characteristics of living things

3. Take pride in accomplishments.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence

SE 3.5 Accepts responsibility

4. Adjust to new situations.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SE 3.2 Shows flexibility within routines

SE 2.2 Cooperates

5. Separate easily from family member or familiar caregiver.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SE 2.1 Makes positive social connection

AL 5.1 Initiates social interactions

AL 4.2 Displays a positive attitude

6. Demonstrate self-efficacy by exerting independence in play situations and during regular routines.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence

SE 3.5 Accepts responsibility

Regulation Emotions

Children demonstrate an ability to understand and regulate their emotions in play and everyday tasks.

1. Use words to express their needs, wants, and feelings, as well as to identify the emotions of others.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
AL 2.2 Communicates verbally or through body language
SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information
LL 3.2 Understands that letters and words have meaning

2. Demonstrate knowledge that there are different ways of showing feelings.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
SE 4.1 Manages emotions appropriately
LL 5.3 Compares and contrasts

3. Recognize they can do things to change the way they feel and how others feel.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
SE 4.1 Manages emotions appropriately
SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others

Respect and Appreciation of Similarities and Differences

Children respect others and recognize and appreciate their similarities and differences in play and everyday tasks.

1. Express ways in which others are similar and different, such as eye color, gender, and favorite activities.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information
LL 5.3 Compares and contrasts
SS 1.2 Examines diversity, culture, and traditions

2. Play with a variety of children, regardless of gender, race, or ability.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
AL 5.1 Initiates social interactions
SE 2.1 Makes positive social connections
AL 4.2 Displays a positive attitude
SE 2.3 Shows empathy for others

3. Recognize that everyone has emotions and that other people may not feel the same way they do about everything.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
LL 5.3 Compares and contrasts
SS 1.2 Examines diversity, culture, and traditions
SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others
AL 4.3 Freedom to explore ideas with others

4. Demonstrate caring and concern for others.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
SE 2.3 Shows empathy for others

5. Respect the rights and property of others.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
SE 3.5 Accepts responsibility

SE 4.1 Manages emotions appropriately
SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others

Pro-Social Behaviors and Cooperation

Children demonstrate pro-social behaviors and social competence, and participate cooperatively as members of a group in play and everyday tasks.

1. Develop positive relationships with peers and trusted adults.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
AL 5.1 Initiates social interactions
SE 2.1 Makes positive social connections
AL 4.2 Displays a positive attitude

2. Participate in group routines, and transition smoothly from one activity to the next.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
SE 3.2 Shows flexibility within routines
AL 5.1 Initiates social interactions
SE 2.1 Makes positive social connections
AL 4.2 Displays a positive attitude

3. Use materials purposefully and respectfully and participate in cleaning up and putting away materials.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
SE 3.5 Accepts responsibility
SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others

4. Defend self while respecting the rights of others.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
SE 4.1 Manages emotions appropriately
SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others

5. Identify qualities that make a good friend.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
SE 2.2 Cooperates
SE 3.3 Cooperates within shared space
SE 2.1 Makes positive social connections
AL 4.2 Displays a positive attitude
SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others

6. Play independently, in pairs, and cooperatively in small groups.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence
SE 3.3 Cooperates within shared space
SE 2.1 Makes positive social connections
AL 4.2 Displays a positive attitude

7. Initiate play and know how to enter into a group of children who are already involved in play.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
AL 2.2 Communicates verbally or through body language
AL 5.1 Initiates social interactions

SE 2.1 Makes positive social connections
AL 4.2 Displays a positive attitude

8. Take turns, share, and be courteous to others, using words such as “thank you,” “please,” and “excuse me.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
SE 2.2 Cooperates
AL 4.2 Displays a positive attitude
SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others

Approaches to Learning

Curiosity and Eagerness Children demonstrate a positive self-concept and self-confidence in play and everyday tasks.

1. Choose to participate in a wide variety of activities and demonstrate willingness to try new experiences.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
AL 4.2 Displays a positive attitude
AL 4.3 Freedom to explore ideas with others
AL 5.2 Participates in “shared thinking”
SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence
SE 3.4 Initiates learning

2. Ask questions to find answers and wonder why.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation
S 1.2 Makes predictions and describes outcomes
AL 3.2 Asks questions and problem solves

3. Demonstrate eagerness to find out more about other people and to discover new things in the environment.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth’s environment
S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation
S 1.2 Makes predictions and describes outcomes
AL 3.2 Asks questions and problem solves

Initiative and Persistence

Children demonstrate initiative and persistence in play and everyday tasks.

1. Demonstrate persistence by working toward completing tasks, and sustain attention and focus on activities.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
SE 3.1 Maintains focus
AL 2.1 Ability to participate for longer periods of time

2. Select and engage in activities, moving independently from one activity to another, and demonstrate self-direction when making choices.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence

SE 2.2 Cooperates
SE 2.1 Makes positive social connections
AL 4.2 Displays a positive attitude
SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others

3. Demonstrate self-help skills, including selecting toys and materials to use in activities and returning them when finished.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence
SE 2.2 Cooperates
SE 3.5 Accepts responsibility
AL 4.2 Displays a positive attitude
SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others

Problem Solving and Reflection

Children use problem solving and reflection in play and everyday tasks.

1. Attempt several different strategies when encountering difficulty during daily routines or in the use of materials.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
AL 3.2 Asks questions and problem solves
SE 4.1 Manages emotions appropriately

2. Demonstrate satisfaction or delight when solving a problem or completing a task.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
AL 4.2 Displays a positive attitude
SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence

3. Demonstrate thinking skills and verbal problem-solving skills (use self-talk and thinking aloud to solve problems).

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
AL 1.2 Can visualize a solution
AL 3.1 Demonstrates a desire to seek out information
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

4. Demonstrate resiliency and coping skills when faced with challenges.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
SE 3.2 Shows flexibility within routines
AL 4.1 Accepts change and failure
SE 4.1 Manages emotions appropriately

5. Seek help from adults and peers when needed.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
SE 2.1 Makes positive social connections
AL 5.1 Initiates social interactions
SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others

Invention and Imagination

Children use invention and imagination in play and everyday tasks.

1. Explore and experiment with a wide variety of materials and activities.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
AL 1.1 Uses imagination and creativity to create new ideas or extend understanding
2. Make independent decisions about materials to use in order to express individuality.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence
SE 1.1 Aware of thoughts, needs, and feelings of self and others
3. Develop creative solutions in play and daily situations.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
AL 1.2 Can visualize a solution
AL 1.1 Uses imagination and creativity to create new ideas or extend understanding
4. Engage in fantasy play, taking on pretend roles with real or imaginary objects.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
SS 3.1 Understands roles and occupations in society
CE 4.1 Participates in dramatic play
AL 1.1 Uses imagination and creativity to create new ideas or extend understanding
5. Use imagination to try new ways of doing things and work with materials in creative ways.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art
AL 1.1 Uses imagination and creativity to create new ideas or extend understanding

Language and Literacy

Reading

Through their explorations, play, and social interactions, children use skills and strategies to get meaning from print.

1. Demonstrate motivation, interest and enjoyment in books, reading, and acting out stories while engaged in play.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
LL 7.1 Enjoys reading
LL 7.2 Participates in reading
CE 4.1 Participates in dramatic play
2. Demonstrate book-handling skills, such as holding a book right-side up and turning pages from front to back.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
LL 2.1 Shows understanding of print concepts
3. Recognize familiar environmental print, such as “STOP” signs, and realize it has meaning. 4. Retell a story from a familiar book and relate it to real-life experiences.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
LL 5.1 Responds to text
LL 8.2 Understands that words and symbols can be written down and read

LL 3.1 Identifies letters and words

5. Make predictions of next steps in a story.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 5.1 Responds to text

LL 5.4 Makes predictions

6. Demonstrate knowledge that a symbol can represent something else (e.g. a word can stand for an object, a name for a person, a picture for the real object.)

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

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

LL 3.1 Identifies letters and words

LL 3.2 Understands that letters and words have meaning

7. Recognize own first name in print.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

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

LL 3.1 Identifies letters and words

LL 3.2 Understands that letters and words have meaning

8. Demonstrate knowledge of the Alphabetic Principle, the concept that the sounds of speech can be represented by one or more letters of the alphabet.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 3.1 Identifies letters and words

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

9. Identify at least 10 letters of the alphabet, especially those in their own name.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 3.1 Identifies letters and words

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

10. Demonstrate knowledge of the basic concepts of print, such as knowing the differences between pictures, letters, and words.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 5.3 Compares and contrasts

LL 2.1 Shows understanding of print concepts

LL 3.1 Identifies letters and words

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

Writing

Through their explorations, play, and social interactions, children use writing and drawing as means of communication.

1. Demonstrate motivation to draw and write during play, experimenting with writing tools, such as pencils, crayons, markers, and the computer keyboard.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 8.1 Writes letters, words, and name

CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art

PD 3.1 Controls small muscle movement

PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

2. Demonstrate understanding that their spoken words can be represented with written letters or symbols as they dictate.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

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

LL 3.2 Understands that letters and words have meaning

3. Use scribbling and drawing to represent their ideas and then begin to use letters and developmental or invented spelling of words to communicate a message.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

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

4. Attempt to write their own names using a variety of materials.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

PD 3.1 Controls small muscle movement

PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

LL 8.1 Writes letters, words, and name

5. Use environmental print (such as signs, labels on food, and general print around them) to help in their writing, and ask adults for help in writing messages, lists, and stories.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

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

LL 3.2 Understands that letters and words have meaning

LL 8.1 Writes letters, words, and name

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

Listening and Phonological Awareness

Through their explorations, play, and social interactions, children listen, identify, and respond to environmental sounds, directions and conversations, and have phonological awareness.

1. Listen and respond to conversations with adults and other children during play.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

AL 5.1 Initiates social interactions

LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately

2. Identify sounds and words in their daily environment.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 3.1 Identifies letters and words

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

3. Listen attentively to books and stories.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 5.1 Responds to text

LL 7.2 Participates in reading

LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately

4. Repeat familiar songs, rhymes, and phrases from favorite storybooks.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
M 2.1 Follows and/or creates simple patterns
AL 5.3 Follows directions
LL 1.1 Demonstrates understanding of sounds, rhyme, and patterns in letters and words

5. Demonstrate understanding of an increasingly rich vocabulary.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
LL 3.2 Understands that letters and words have meaning
LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words
LL 6.3 Speaks in sentences
LL 4.2 Uses age-appropriate grammar

6. Follow simple directions with two or more steps.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
AL 5.3 Follows directions
SE 2.2 Cooperates

7. Recognize some rhyming sounds.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
LL 3.1 Identifies letters and words
LL 1.1 Demonstrates understanding of sounds, rhyme, and patterns in letters and words

8. Demonstrate the ability to hear individual parts of words and separate the parts using clapping, finger snapping, or other movement (e.g. clapping out each syllable of pup-py, di-no-saur.)
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
LL 3.1 Identifies letters and words
LL 1.1 Demonstrates understanding of sounds, rhyme, and patterns in letters and words

9. Identify words that begin with the same sound from a small group of words.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
LL 3.1 Identifies letters and words
LL 1.1 Demonstrates understanding of sounds, rhyme, and patterns in letters and words

10. Repeat spoken words when requested.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
AL 5.3 Follows directions
SE 2.2 Cooperates
LL 6.1 Participates in conversations
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

Speaking/Communicating and Oral Language Development

Through their explorations, play, and social interactions, children successfully communicate for multiple purposes.

1. Play with the sounds of language, repeating rhymes, songs, poems and fingerplays.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
LL 3.1 Identifies letters and words
CE 1.1 Participates and/or enjoys music

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

LL 6.3 Speaks in sentences

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

2. Use an increasingly rich vocabulary.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

LL 6.3 Speaks in sentences

3. Demonstrate motivation to communicate in play and everyday activities.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

LL 6.3 Speaks in sentences

AL 2.2 Communicates verbally or through body language

4. Provide meaningful responses to questions and pose questions to learn new information or clarify ideas.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

AL 3.2 Asks questions and problem solves

LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

5. Use complete sentences of varying length to express ideas and feelings through spoken language, sign language, or other forms of communication.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 6.3 Speaks in sentences

LL 4.2 Uses age-appropriate grammar

6. Initiate and engage in conversation and discussions with adults and other children.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

AL 5.1 Initiates social interactions

7. Tell real or imaginary stories that have a recognizable beginning, middle, and end.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 6.3 Speaks in sentences

LL 4.2 Uses age-appropriate grammar

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

Learning New Languages

Through their explorations, play, and social interactions children demonstrate an understanding that there are multiple languages and begin to communicate in a language other than their home language.

1. Name at least one example of a language other than their home languages.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SS 1.2 Examines diversity, culture, and traditions

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

2. Say simple greetings in another language, such as “hola” (“hello” in Spanish) and “adios” (“good-bye” in Spanish) or use sign language to express a greeting.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SS 1.2 Examines diversity, culture, and traditions

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

For a child learning English as a new language:

3. Listen to peers and adults speaking in English to learn new information, and show some understanding of the language.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

ELD 1.1 Demonstrates progress in English comprehension

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

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

4. Engage in nonverbal communication with those who speak a language other than their native languages.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

AL 2.2 Communicates verbally or through body language

5. Play with the sounds and intonation of the English language as well as their home languages.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

ELD 3.1 Understands symbols, letters, words, and print knowledge in English

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

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

6. Identify names of common objects in the environment.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

ELD 3.1 Understands symbols, letters, words, and print knowledge in English

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

7. Use simple words and phrases to communicate with adults and other children.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

ELD 2.1 Participates in conversational English

LL 3.1 Identifies letters and words

Mathematics

Number Sense and Operations

Through their explorations, play, and social interactions, children count with understanding and use numbers to tell how many, describe order, and compare.

1. Count by ones to 10 and higher.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

M 1.1 Understands and identifies numbers and quantities

2. Count the number of items in a group of up to 10 objects and know that the last number tells how many.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
M 1.1 Understands and identifies numbers and quantities

3. Verbally count backward from 5.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
M 1.1 Understands and identifies numbers and quantities

4. Look at a group of up to 4 objects and quickly see and say the number of objects.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
M 1.2 Identifies numbers and relationships
M 1.1 Understands and identifies numbers and quantities

5. Recognize and name numerals 1 to 5.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
M 1.1 Understands and identifies numbers and quantities

6. Compare two groups (containing up to 5 objects each) and describe them using comparative words, such as more, less, fewer, or equal.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
M 1.2 Identifies numbers and relationships
M 1.1 Understands and identifies numbers and quantities

7. Use and understand the terms first, last, and first through fifth.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
M 1.2 Identifies numbers and relationships
M 1.1 Understands and identifies numbers and quantities

8. Separate a collection of 10 items into 2 equal groups. 9. Give up to 5 items when requested.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
M 1.2 Identifies numbers and relationships
M 1.1 Understands and identifies numbers and quantities

Shapes/Geometry

Through their explorations, play, and social interactions, children identify and describe simple geometric shapes (circle, triangle, rectangle) and show an awareness of their positions in relation to other objects.

1. Recognize and name circle, triangle and rectangle (which includes square).

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information
M 3.1 Identifies shapes

2. Build and describe two-dimensional shapes, such as making circles and triangles with blocks and play dough.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art
M 3.1 Identifies shapes

3. Recognize that a shape remains the same shape when it changes position.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
M 3.2 Comprehends positions in space
M 3.1 Identifies shapes
4. Sort and match objects with the same shape and size, and lay an object of the same shape and size on top of another to show they are the same.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
M 4.1 Compares and orders
M 3.1 Identifies shapes
5. Make a picture by combining shapes.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
AL 1.1 Uses imagination and creativity to create new ideas or extend understanding
CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art
M 3.1 Identifies shapes
6. Take a shape apart (decompose) to make new shapes, such as finding two triangles in a square.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
M 3.1 Identifies shapes
S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation
7. Demonstrate and begin to use the language of the relative position of objects in the environment and play situations, such as up, down, over, under, top, bottom, inside, outside, in front, behind, between, next to.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
M 3.2 Comprehends positions in space
8. Create two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional structures that have symmetry.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art
M 3.1 Identifies shapes

Measurement

Through their explorations, play, and social interactions, children identify and compare the attributes of length, volume, weight, time, and temperature and use the tools needed to measure them.

1. Compare length and other attributes of objects, using the terms bigger, longer, and taller.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
M 4.1 Compares and orders
M 4.2 Measures and/or estimates
2. Compare two objects by placing one on top of another and indicate which object takes up more space.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
M 4.1 Compares and orders
M 4.2 Measures and/or estimates

3. Arrange objects in order according to characteristics or attributes, such as height.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

M 4.1 Compares and orders

M 4.2 Measures and/or estimates

4. Identify and use measurement tools, such as ruler, scales, measuring cups, thermometer, clock, and calendar.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

PD 3.1 Controls small muscle movement

PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

PD 3.3 Exhibits hand-eye coordination

Making Sense of Data

Through their explorations, play, and social interactions, children classify, organize, represent, and use information to ask and answer questions.

1. Sort objects onto a large graph according to one attribute, such as size, shape or color.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

M 2.2 Classifies, sorts, and charts data

2. Name the category that has the most, least, or the same on a large graph.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

M 2.2 Classifies, sorts, and charts data

3. Gather information to answer questions of interest.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

M 2.2 Classifies, sorts, and charts data

S 1.2 Makes predictions and describes outcomes

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

Patterns/Algebra

Through their explorations, play, and social interactions, children identify, repeat, and describe simple patterns using concrete objects.

1. Sort, classify, and order objects by size and other properties.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

M 2.2 Classifies, sorts, and charts data

M 4.1 Compares and orders

M 4.2 Measures and/or estimates

2. Identify simple patterns in the context of play or daily activities (such as “block, car, block, car”) and use patterns to describe relationships between objects (“car follows block”).

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

M 2.1 Follows and/or creates simple patterns

3. Predict, repeat, and extend a simple pattern in the context of play or daily activities (“dish, spoon, dish, spoon”).

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

M 2.1 Follows and/or creates simple patterns

Science

Science as Inquiry

As a result of their explorations and participation in simple investigations through play, children demonstrate their understanding of and ability to use scientific inquiry.

1. Express wonder, ask questions, and make simple predictions, such as whether an object will sink or float.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

AL 3.2 Asks questions and problem solves

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

S 1.2 Makes predictions and describes outcomes

2. Observe and use senses to explore materials and their environment both indoors and outdoors.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

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

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

S 1.2 Makes predictions and describes outcomes

3. Use simple tools and measuring devices, such as balance scales, thermometers, and rulers to explore the environment.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

S 5.2 Investigates how things work

PD 3.1 Controls small muscle movement

PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

PD 3.3 Exhibits hand-eye coordination

Physical Science

As a result of their explorations and participation in simple investigations through play, children develop an understanding of properties, position, and motion of objects in the environment.

1. Observe and use words to describe physical changes, such as a solid turning to liquid.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

2. Identify similarities and differences of objects.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

M 4.1 Compares and orders

LL 5.3 Compares and contrasts

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

3. Compare and sort materials according to one or more properties.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

M 2.2 Classifies, sorts, and/or charts data

M 4.1 Compares and orders

4. Explore ways to move objects, such as pushing or pulling and describe these motions.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

AL 3.2 Asks questions and problem solves

S 5.2 Investigates how things work

Life Science

As a result of their explorations and participation in simple investigations through play, children develop an understanding of characteristics, life cycles, and environments of living things.

1. Observe and classify living things as animals or plants and use words to describe them.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

S 3.1 Understands characteristics of living things

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

2. Demonstrate knowledge that living things have basic needs, such as food, water, and air.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

S 3.1 Understands characteristics of living things

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

S 1.2 Makes predictions and describes outcomes

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

3. Demonstrate knowledge that plants, animals, and humans live in environments that support their needs, such as fish living in water.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

S 3.1 Understands characteristics of living things

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

4. Recognize that living things, including themselves, change and grow throughout their life cycles.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

S 3.1 Understands characteristics of living things

S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

Earth and Space Science

As a result of their explorations and participation in simple investigations through play, children develop an understanding of properties of earth materials, objects in the sky, and changes in the earth and sky.

1. Explore the properties of earth materials, such as sand and water, through play.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

2. Name objects in the sky, including sun, moon, clouds, and stars.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

3. Describe differences between night and day.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
LL 5.3 Compares and contrasts
S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information
S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

4. Recognize and describe current conditions and changes in the weather.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
LL 5.3 Compares and contrasts
S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information
S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

5. Observe and describe basic changes in the seasons.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
LL 5.3 Compares and contrasts
S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment
LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information
S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

Science and Technology

As a result of their explorations and participation in simple investigations through play, children develop an understanding about science and technology and the ability to distinguish between natural objects and objects made by humans.

1. Use tools or objects in the environment to solve problems or complete tasks.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
S 5.2 Investigates how things work

2. Use the computer and other technology, if available, to explore how their actions can cause an effect.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
S 5.1 Explores technology
S 5.2 Investigates how things work
S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation
S 1.2 Makes predictions and describes outcomes

3. Identify some objects as being found in nature and others as being made by people.
Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old
S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment
S 3.1 Understands characteristics of living things
S 4.1 Recognizes physical properties of objects and materials
LL 5.3 Compares and contrasts
S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation
S 1.2 Makes predictions and describes outcomes

Science, Environment and Society

As a result of their explorations and participation in simple investigations through play, children demonstrate an awareness of and respect for the environment and how it can be changed. Children demonstrate an understanding that people use science to explore the world and answer questions.

1. Demonstrate care and respect for the environment.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SS 4.3 Shows concern for the environment

S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment

2. Demonstrate knowledge that their actions and actions of others can change the environment.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SS 2.1 Understands citizenship and responsibilities

SS 4.3 Shows concern for the environment

S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment

3. Recognize ways to recycle and reuse materials.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SE 3.5 Accepts responsibility

SS 2.1 Understands citizenship and responsibilities

SS 4.3 Shows concern for the environment

S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment

4. Demonstrate understanding that everyone can use science to explore and solve problems.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

S 1.1 Engages in observation and investigation

S 1.2 Makes predictions and describes outcomes

Health and Physical Development

Health and Safety

Children demonstrate healthy habits and safe practices.

1. Recognize and identify nutritious foods.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

PD 1.2 Comprehends and applies safety rules

SE 3.5 Accepts responsibility

2. Independently practice personal care and self-help skills, including washing hands, brushing teeth, toileting, dressing, and eating.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

PD 1.1 Practices daily self-care

PD 3.1 Controls small muscle movement

PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

PD 3.3 Exhibits hand-eye coordination

3. Know how and when to alert adults to dangerous situations.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

AL 5.1 Initiates social interactions

SS 3.1 Understands roles and occupations in society

PD 1.2 Comprehends and applies safety rules

4. Recognize basic safety symbols, including stop signs, red lights, and poison symbols.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

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

LL 3.2 Understands that letters and words have meaning

PD 1.2 Comprehends and applies safety rules

5. Follow street, vehicle, and bike safety rules, such as looking both ways before crossing, and using car safety seats and bike helmets.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

PD 1.2 Comprehends and applies safety rules

SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence

SE 3.5 Accepts responsibility

6. Know how to respond safely in emergency situations, such as a fire or tornado, and in the presence of strangers or dangerous objects.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence

SE 3.5 Accepts responsibility

PD 1.2 Comprehends and applies safety rules

Gross Motor

Children engage in play and movement to develop gross (large) motor skills.

1. Participate in play and movement activities and describe how physical activity contributes to their overall health (“Exercise helps make me strong!”).

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

PD 4.1 Actively participates

2. Demonstrate loco-motor skills by walking, running, hopping, galloping, marching, and climbing.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

PD 2.1 Displays balance and coordination

PD 2.2 Uses locomotor skills

3. Demonstrate stability, flexibility, and balance by standing on one foot, turning, stretching, bending, rolling, balancing, stopping, jumping, and twisting.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

PD 2.1 Displays balance and coordination

PD 2.2 Uses locomotor skills

4. Demonstrate increasing coordination when pedaling, throwing, catching, kicking, bouncing objects, and hitting objects with racquets or paddles.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

PD 3.3 Exhibits hand-eye coordination

PD 2.1 Displays balance and coordination

PD 2.2 Uses locomotor skills

5. Demonstrate increasing body strength and endurance in play and movement experiences.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

PD 4.1 Actively participates

PD 4.2 Builds muscular strength and /or cardiovascular endurance

Fine Motor

Children engage in play and interesting experiences to develop fine (small) motor skills.

1. Participate in play and movement activities that enhance fine motor development.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

PD 3.1 Controls small muscle movement

PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

PD 3.3 Exhibits hand-eye coordination

2. Demonstrate eye-hand coordination through activities such as stringing large beads and completing simple puzzles.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

PD 3.1 Controls small muscle movement

PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

PD 3.3 Exhibits hand-eye coordination

3. Practice self-help skills, such as buttoning, zipping, and snapping.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

PD 1.1 Practices daily self-care

PD 3.1 Controls small muscle movement

PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

PD 3.3 Exhibits hand-eye coordination

4. Display strength and control while using a variety of manipulative materials including scissors, pencils, crayons, small toys and connecting blocks.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

PD 3.1 Controls small muscle movement

PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

PD 3.3 Exhibits hand-eye coordination

The Creative Arts

Visual Arts

Children use a variety of art materials for enjoyment and self-expression and demonstrate an appreciation for art.

1. Use a variety of materials for constructing, painting, drawing, and sculpting.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art

PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

PD 3.3 Exhibits hand-eye coordination

2. Demonstrate enjoyment and confidence in their ability to freely plan and create artwork of their own design.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

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

CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art
SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence
AL 1.1 Uses imagination and creativity to create new ideas or extend understanding

3. Describe experiences, ideas, emotions, people, and objects represented in their artwork.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

4. Use words to describe their artwork in terms of color, line, shape, space, and texture.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 4.1 Builds meaning of words

LL 3.2 Understands that letters and words have meaning

CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art

LL 6.1 Participates in conversations

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

5. Demonstrate value and respect for their own artwork and that of their peers.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

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

CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art

SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence

6. Show appreciation for a variety of artwork, including that of their own culture and community, as well as others.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SE 2.1 Makes positive social connections

AL 2.2 Communicates verbally or through body language

SS 1.2 Examines diversity, culture, and traditions

CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art

Music

Children engage in a variety of musical activities for enjoyment and self-expression and demonstrate an appreciation for music.

1. Show enjoyment and participate in a variety of musical and rhythmic experiences, including singing, listening, and using musical instruments.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 5.2 Listens for understanding and responds appropriately

PD 3.1 Controls small muscle movement

PD 3.2 Manipulates varied objects

CE 1.1 Participates and/or enjoys music

2. Use music to communicate and express feelings, ideas, and experiences.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

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

CE 1.1 Participates and/or enjoys music

3. Notice and imitate changes in vocal and instrumental music (high and low, loud and soft, etc.)

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

CE 1.1 Participates and/or enjoys music

4. Show appreciation for a variety of music, including that of their own culture and community as well as others.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

AL 4.2 Displays a positive attitude

SS 1.2 Examines diversity, culture, and traditions

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

CE 1.1 Participates and/or enjoys music

Creative Movement

Children engage in a variety of creative movement activities for enjoyment and self-expression and demonstrate an appreciation for various forms of expressive movement.

1. Participate in a variety of creative movement experiences, which could include dance and rhythmic activities.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

CE 2.1 Expresses self through dance

CE 2.2 Participates in a variety of body movements

PD 2.1 Displays balance and coordination

PD 2.2 Uses locomotor skills

2. Explore ways to move imaginatively with and without music, such as stretching, galloping, twisting, bending, swaying, marching, and clapping.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

CE 2.1 Expresses self through dance

CE 2.2 Participates in a variety of body movements

PD 2.1 Displays balance and coordination

PD 2.2 Uses locomotor skills

3. Use movement to communicate and express feelings, ideas, and experiences.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

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

CE 2.1 Expresses self through dance

CE 2.2 Participates in a variety of body movements

PD 2.1 Displays balance and coordination

PD 2.2 Uses locomotor skills

4. Respond and move to the beat, tempo, and dynamics of music.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

CE 2.1 Expresses self through dance

CE 2.2 Participates in a variety of body movements

PD 2.1 Displays balance and coordination

PD 2.2 Uses locomotor skills

5. Show appreciation for a variety of expressive movement, including that of their own culture and community, as well as others.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SS 1.2 Engages in diversity, culture, and traditions

CE 2.1 Expresses self through dance

CE 2.2 Participates in a variety of body movements

PD 2.1 Displays balance and coordination

PD 2.2 Uses locomotor skills

Dramatic Play

Children engage in pretend play for enjoyment and self-expression and demonstrate an appreciation for various forms of dramatic expression.

1. Participate in a variety of spontaneous, imaginative play experiences alone or with others and create and engage in increasingly detailed and extended scenarios in their dramatic play.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

CE 4.1 Participates in dramatic play

SS 3.1 Understands roles and occupations in society

2. Use dramatic play to communicate and express feelings, ideas, and experiences.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

CE 4.1 Participates in dramatic play

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

SS 3.1 Understands roles and occupations in society

3. Use words and actions to imitate a variety of familiar stories, roles, and real-life or fantasy experiences.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 5.1 Responds to text

CE 4.1 Participates in dramatic play

SS 3.1 Understands roles and occupations in society

4. Use materials and props to represent objects in creative play.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

CE 4.1 Participates in dramatic play

SS 3.1 Understands roles and occupations in society

5. Show appreciation for a variety of dramatic experiences from their own culture and community as well as others, including storytelling, puppetry, and theater.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SS 1.2 Engages in diversity, culture, and traditions

CE 4.1 Participates in dramatic play

SS 3.1 Understands roles and occupations in society

Social Studies

Families/Cultures Through their explorations, play, and social interactions children demonstrate an understanding of self, families, and cultures.

1. Identify themselves as individuals and as belonging to a family.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

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

2. Describe what a family is and roles that family members can play.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

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

3. Share family traditions and daily routines and demonstrate interest in learning about the traditions of others.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SS 1.2 Examines diversity, culture, and traditions

SS 5.1 Shows interest in personal and family history

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

4. Demonstrate understanding that there are diverse families and cultures and all have value.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SE 2.1 Makes positive social connections

SS 1.2 Examines diversity, culture, and traditions

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

Community/Civics

Through their explorations, play, and social interactions children demonstrate an understanding of what it means to be a participating member of groups and communities.

1. Demonstrate confidence in expressing individual opinions and thoughts.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence

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

2. Demonstrate respect for the thoughts and opinions of others, even when different from their own.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

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

SE 2.1 Makes positive social connections

3. Demonstrate understanding that communities are composed of groups of people who live, play, or work together and identify communities to which they belong.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SS 2.1 Understands citizenship and responsibilities

SE 1.2 Demonstrates confidence

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

4. Participate in creating and following rules and routines.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SS 2.1 Understands citizenship and responsibilities

SE 3.5 Accepts responsibility

5. Take responsibility for simple tasks that contribute to the well-being of the group.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SS 2.1 Understands citizenship and responsibilities

SE 3.5 Accepts responsibility

History/Time

Through their explorations, play, and social interactions children demonstrate an understanding of the passage of time and how the past influences their future.

1. Describe past, current and future events.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SS 5.1 Shows interest in personal and family history

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

2. Describe their day and coming activities in terms of daily routines (first we..., then we...).

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

SS 5.1 Shows interest in personal and family history

3. Describe how a past event relates to something happening currently or in the future.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

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

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

4. Share stories or pictures about themselves in the past.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

Geography/Places, People and Environments

Through their explorations, play, and social interactions children demonstrate an awareness of their physical environment and its impact on daily living.

1. Describe where they live and where others live in relationship to them.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SS 4.1 Comprehends and compares characteristics of the local area

SS 4.2 Develops mapping skills

2. Identify various living environments, such as farm, ranch, city, town, and country.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SS 4.1 Comprehends and compares characteristics of the local area

SS 4.2 Develops mapping skills

3. Describe familiar places in their environment, such as a house, classroom, park, lake, or river.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SS 4.1 Comprehends and compares characteristics of the local area

SS 4.2 Develops mapping skills

4. Draw or build representations of familiar places with a variety of materials.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

CE 3.1 Communicates through visual art

SS 4.1 Comprehends and compares characteristics of the local area

SS 4.2 Develops mapping skills

5. Identify various weather conditions and seasons and how they affect what we wear and what we do.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

S 1.2 Makes predictions and describes outcomes

S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment

PD 1.1 Practices daily self-care

6. Name natural resources, such as water, soil, clean air, and trees, describe how they help us, and how we can be good stewards of the environment.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment

SS 4.3 Shows concern for the environment

SS 2.1 Understands citizenship and responsibilities

SE 3.5 Accepts responsibility

Economics

Through their explorations, play, and social interactions children demonstrate an understanding of how people work together to grow, produce, distribute, and consume goods and services that meet their wants and needs.

1. Identify several community helpers and the services they provide.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

SS 3.1 Understands roles and occupations in society

2. Describe source of familiar foods, such as milk, apples, and eggs.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SS 3.2 Understands the role of money in society

S 2.1 Identifies characteristics of Earth's environment

SS 4.1 Comprehends and compares characteristics of the local area

SS 4.2 Develops mapping skills

3. Express knowledge that money can be used to purchase goods.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

LL 6.2 Shares stories and/or information

SS 3.2 Understands the role of money in society

4. Demonstrate understanding that people work to earn money to provide for their families and buy what they need.

Learning Box Preschool Foundational Skills 3-5 Years Old

SS 3.2 Understands the role of money in society

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

SS 3.1 Understands roles and occupations in society

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