

EARLY CHILDHOOD ESSENTIALS

What Your Child Will Learn in Pre-Kindergarten:

CURIOSITY & EXPLORATION

Your child shows interest in learning new things, exploring the world around them, and using simple tools or strategies to investigate.



PLAYING WITH FRIENDS

Your child starts play with others and enjoys playing together, especially with friends.



ROUTINES & TRANSITIONS

Your child follows daily routines and transitions smoothly between activities.



SPEAKING IN SENTENCES

Your child uses full sentences and a variety of words (like plurals and pronouns) to express themselves.



FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS

Your child can follow multi-step directions during familiar tasks.



HANDLING FRUSTRATION

Your child uses simple ways to calm down when upset.



STAYING FOCUSED

Your child can stick to a task & work through challenges independently.



EARLY WRITING SKILLS

Your child uses letters and letter-like formations to write words, including writing their name.



ABC KNOWING THE ALPHABET

Your child can recognize 10 or more letters and knows letters make up words.



HEARING SOUNDS IN WORDS

Your child can blend and segment compound words.



COUNTING & NUMBERS

Your child can count to 10, can count up to 5 objects, and understands that the last number counted tells how many items are in a group.



RECOGNIZING SHAPES

Your child can identify shapes like circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles—even when they look different.



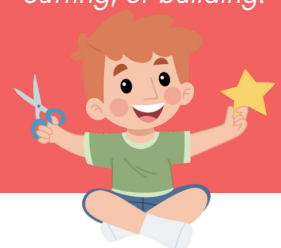
GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

Your child uses their whole body to move with control—like running, hopping, jumping, or climbing.



FINE MOTOR SKILLS

Your child uses their fingers and hands with coordination to do tasks like drawing, writing, cutting, or building.



EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSESSMENTS

How we will know your child is learning

DRDP

- Given the end of 1st quarter and end of 4th quarter
- Portfolio assessment
- Assesses all 14 essential standards

EDECA

- Given in late September and mid-February
- Observational assessment
- Assesses social emotional skills: attachment & relationships, initiative, self-regulation and behavior concerns

DISTRICT COMMON ASSESSMENTS

- Given at the end of 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarter
- Performance assessments
 - Literacy DCA assesses alphabet knowledge & blending and segmenting words
 - Math DCA assesses counting skills

TEACHER ASSESSMENTS

Teachers utilize a variety of assessments throughout the school year to determine if students have mastered a skill or concept. This varies by concept, by teacher and by student needs. We are always looking for ways to capture students' knowledge during authentic play experiences.