

PERSONAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

Kindergarten is a time of growth. It is not all academic. We work on separation from our parents, getting along with classmates and many other basic school skills.

I. Fine motor skills

A. Finely tune small motor skills

1. cutting with scissors
2. pencil, crayon, marker, paint brush grip, stability and pressure
3. playdoh, hole punch, tweezers, etc. for strength

II. Social skills

A. Be able to interact with children and adults in a positive way

1. be kind and share
2. be kind and take turns
3. be kind and speak kindly
4. be kind and help others in need
5. be kind and courteous

III. Listening skills

A. Be able to listen and follow directions, asking thoughtful questions if necessary

1. watch and listen as instructions are given in the classroom or outdoors

2. waiting turn to speak, raise hand
3. listen to stories

IV. Personal responsibility

A. Accept responsibility for selves and follow through

1. tie shoes and zip or button own clothing
2. personal bathroom hygiene
3. use proper table manners at snack time
4. bring tote bag, notes, library books, etc. to school
5. take papers, coat, tote bag, newsletters, etc. home
6. clean up after self, help pick up toys and school tools
7. complete assignments and take pride in work