

## **Preschool Milestones**

### **The Arts**

#### **1. Expression and Representation**

- A. Participates in group music experience
  - 1. Joins in songs during music time, engaging in hand motions as appropriate
  - 2. Suggests words for open-ended songs
  - 3. Plays musical instruments on the beat
  - 4. Participates in musical games
  - 5. Composes own songs
- B. Participates in creative movement, dance and drama
  - 1. Moves in own creative ways to music
  - 2. Uses scarves, ribbons or other materials to create special movements
  - 3. Imitates animals or actions
  - 4. Dances to a variety of music
  - 5. Acts out a story
- C. Uses a variety of art materials for tactile exploration and expression
  - 1. Tries one medium many times to experience its properties in depth
  - 2. Punches, pats, rolls, squishes and flattens playdo
  - 3. Explores with clay
  - 4. Uses a variety of drawing materials (markers, pencils, chalk, crayons)
  - 5. Messes with finger-paint, shaving cream, etc
  - 6. Experiments with different implements for painting
  - 7. Constructs collages from a variety of materials

#### **2. Understanding and Appreciation**

- A. Responds to artistic creations or events
  - 1. Shows interest in representing still life creations
  - 2. Shows sustained interest in musical presentations, puppet shows, etc
  - 3. Shows interest in the creations of famous artists