

Preschool Milestones

Social Studies

1. People, Past and Present

- A. Identifies similarities and differences in personal and family characteristics
 - 1. Talks about similarities and differences among people
 - 2. Enjoys poems, songs and stories about a variety of people
 - 3. Knows 2-3 words of a foreign language
 - 4. Talks about ways her own family is alike and different from other families

2. Human Interdependence

- A. Begins to understand family and community needs, roles and relationships
 - 1. Identifies own family members
 - 2. Describes family routines and activities
 - 3. Draws self and family members
 - 4. States first and last name of parents
 - 5. States home address and phone number
 - 6. Talks about the neighborhood, city or area where s/he lives
 - 7. Positively describes pictures with various family compositions: single parent, mother and father, two mothers, grandparents, etc

- B. Describes some people's jobs and what is required to perform them
 - 1. Role plays community helpers
 - 2. Matches job props to the correct worker

- C. Begins to be aware of technology and how it affects life
 - 1. Uses tape/CD player
 - 2. Uses the listening center
 - 3. Uses the computer
 - 4. Suggests using the computer to research an idea

3. Citizenship and Government

- A. Demonstrates awareness of rules
 - 1. Verbalizes classroom rules
 - 2. Participates in games with rules
 - 3. Helps develop classroom rules
 - 4. Reminds classmates of rules
 - 5. Explains the importance of a rule

- B. Shows understanding of what it means to be a leader
 - 1. Shows leadership qualities (in dramatic play situations, project development)
 - 2. Takes initiative to do classroom chores
 - 3. Asks questions about who is in charge
 - 4. Expresses the desire to be the leader

4. People and Where They Live

- A. Describes the location of things in the environment and expresses beginning geographic thinking
 - 1. Follows a simple treasure map to find hidden objects
 - 2. Helps create a map of their room or school
 - 3. Shows interest in maps and globes
 - 4. Identifies water and land on a globe
 - 5. Finds the United States on a globe

- B. Shows awareness of the environment
 - 1. Notices new displays or materials in the classroom
 - 2. Shows interest in putting paper and cans in recycle bins
 - 3. Encourages others to keep the room/playground clean
 - 4. Shows interest in the natural environment