

Approaches to Learning: Preschool

Children express curiosity, interest, and initiative in exploring the environment, engaging in experiences, and learning new skills. [3.1.PS](#)

- 1 The child chooses, deliberately, to explore a variety of materials and experiences, seeking out new challenges. [3.1.PS.1](#)
- 2 The child participates in experiences with eagerness, flexibility, imagination, independence, and inventiveness. [3.1.PS.2](#)
- 3 The child asks questions about a variety of topics [3.1.PS.3](#)
- 4 The child repeats skills and experiences to build competence and support the exploration of new ideas [3.1.PS.4](#)

Children purposefully choose and persist in experiences and play. [3.2.PS](#)

- 1 The child maintains concentration on a task, despite distractions and interruptions [3.2.PS.1](#)
- 2 The child stays engaged and completes a variety of both adult-directed and self-initiated tasks, projects, and experiences of increasing degrees of difficulty [3.2.PS.2](#)
- 3 The child sets goals and follows a plan in order to complete a task. [3.2.PS.3](#)
- 4 The child chooses to participate in play and learning experiences. [3.2.PS.4](#)

Children demonstrate strategies for reasoning and problem solving. [3.3.PS](#)

- 1 The child shows interest in and finds a variety of solutions to questions, tasks, or problems [3.3.PS.1](#)
- 2 The child recognizes and solves problems through active exploration, including trial and error, and through interactions and discussions with peers and adults. [3.3.PS.2](#)
- 3 The child shares ideas or makes suggestions of how to solve a problem presented by another person. [3.3.PS.3](#)

Children engage in play to learn. [3.4.PS](#)

- 1 The child engages in a variety of indoor and outdoor play experiences [3.4.PS.1](#)
- 2 The child uses sights, smells, sounds, textures, and tastes to discriminate between and to explore experiences, materials, and the environment. [3.4.PS.2](#)
- 3 The child engages in self-initiated, unstructured play [3.4.PS.3](#)

4 The child plans and executes play experiences alone and with others. 3.4.PS.4