

Approaches to Learning

PLAY AND ENGAGEMENT IN LEARNING

- 1 Actively engages in play as a means of exploration and learning** PK.AL.1
 - a Interacts with a variety of materials and peers through play PK.AL.1.A
 - b Participates in multiple play activities with same material PK.AL.1.B
 - c Engages in pretend and imaginative play – testing theories, acting out imagination PK.AL.1.C
 - d Self-selects play activity and demonstrates spontaneity PK.AL.1.D
 - e Uses “trial and error” method to figure out a task, problem, etc. PK.AL.1.E
 - f Demonstrates awareness of connections between prior and new knowledge PK.AL.1.F
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- 2 Actively engages in problem solving** PK.AL.2
 - a Identifies a problem and tries to solve it independently PK.AL.2.A
 - b Attempts multiple ways to solve a problem PK.AL.2.B
 - c Communicates more than one solution to a problem PK.AL.2.C
 - d Engages with peers and adults to solve problems PK.AL.2.D
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CREATIVITY AND IMAGINATION

- 3 Approaches tasks and problems with creativity, imagination and/or willingness to try new experiences** PK.AL.3
 - a Uses materials/props in novel ways to represent ideas, characters and objects PK.AL.3.A
 - b Identifies new or additional materials to complete a task PK.AL.3.B
 - c Experiments to further knowledge PK.AL.3.C
 - d Seeks additional clarity to further understanding PK.AL.3.D
 - e Demonstrates innovative thinking PK.AL.3.E
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CURIOSITY AND INITIATIVE

- 4 Exhibits curiosity, interest, and willingness to learn new things and have new experiences** PK.AL.4
 - a Asks questions using who, what, how, why, when, where, what if PK.AL.4.A
 - b Expresses an interest in learning about and discussing a growing range of ideas PK.AL.4.B
 - c Actively explores how things in the world work PK.AL.4.C
 - d Investigates areas of interest PK.AL.4.D

- e Takes objects and materials apart and attempts to reassemble them (e.g., puzzles, models, nuts and bolts) [PK.AL.4.E](#)
 - f Willingly engages in new experiences and activities [PK.AL.4.F](#)
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PERSISTENCE

5 Demonstrates persistence. [PK.AL.5](#)

- a Maintains focus on a task [PK.AL.5.A](#)
- b Seeks assistance when the next step seems unclear or appears too difficult [PK.AL.5.B](#)
- c Modifies strategies used to complete a task [PK.AL.5.C](#)