New York Prekindergarten Learning Standards

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 fgure out a task, problem, etc. PK.AL.1.E
- f Demonstrates awareness of connections between prior and new knowledge PK.AL.1.F

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

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

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

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- 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

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