Vermont Early Learning: Approaches to Learning

Grade 1

Play and Exploration	**Children engage in play to understand the world around them.** 1 Play moderate level games with rules with other children 2 Engage in intricate dramatic play and role play scenarios, some in real-world settings, that help then make sense of the world (e.g. acts out favorite stories with a group of friends) 3 Engage in child-initiated outdoor games and activities
Initiative	**Children show curiosity about the world around them and take action to interact with it and learn.** 1 Engage in learning about new concepts and skills (e.g. use manipulatives to solve a math problem) 2 Ask questions to learn about surroundings and everyday events
Problem Solving	**Children display an interest in novel situations and demonstrate flexibility, creativity and innovation in solving challenging tasks.** 1 Use prior knowledge to ask increasingly complex questions to gain information 2 Use a variety of means to gather new information. (e.g. read, experiment, use manipulatives, research, use technology, ask an expert)