Vermont Early Learning: Approaches to Learning

Grade 3

Play and Exploration	**Children engage in play to understand the world around them.** 1 Engage in, negotiate, develop and organize games with rules 2 Cooperatively play with others in intricate dramatic play scenarios, making own props, engaging in multiple topics, expressing ideas 3 Produce and execute reader's theater scripts 4 Resolve conflicts during organized indoor and outdoor play activities
Initiative	**Children show curiosity about the world around them and take action to interact with it and learn.** 1 Ask increasingly complex questions about a variety of topics of interest 2 Use basic logic to explore a question 3 Demonstrate multiple methods for solving problems
Problem Solving	**Children display an interest in novel situations and demonstrate flexibility, creativity and innovation in solving challenging tasks.** 1 Use basic “if, then” logic when thinking about complex information 2 Ask complex questions about an issue or problem 3 Synthesize information from multiple sources to be applied in a new context