Vermont Early Learning: Approaches to Learning

Kindergarten

Play and Exploration	**Children engage in play to understand the world around them.** 1 Play basic games with rules 2 Engage in a variety of play-based contexts, to develop skills in oral language, idea expression, problem-solving, and self- regulation 3 Incorporate the outdoor natural environment into play scenarios 4 Engage in productive play scenarios to develop oral language, express ideas, problem-solve, and develop self- regulation
Initiative	**Children show curiosity about the world around them and take action to interact with it and learn.** 1 Initiate finding answers to questions using a variety of resources (e.g., find a book, through play with peer or simply asking an adult)
Problem Solving	**Children display an interest in novel situations and demonstrate flexibility, creativity and innovation in solving challenging tasks.** 1 Use available materials in novel ways to meet desired goals. (e.g. build a new marble maze with recycled materials) 2 Work with peers to solve problems 3 Ask questions to find out about phenomenon of interest