

Social Studies

Awareness of Family, Community, Culture and Environment

Learning to say *Mother and Father* in other languages
 Arabic Music/Books
 Family Photos on the fridge
 Family Tree Project
 Visit Multi Cultural Center on Campus
 Family photos on Alpha Baby App

Benchmarks

7.1 expresses enjoyment in familiar setting, recognizes familiar adults and uses them to safely explore familiar settings
7.2 chooses and participates in familiar experiences including song/stories from home culture
7.3 demonstrates interest and curiosity in familiar and unfamiliar settings and explores environment using all five senses.



Approaches to Learning

Writing center activities Color Family leaves for tree.
 Physics of Sound Center Box
 Balls and Tubes
 Color Sorting
 Size Sorting-Pumpkins & Leaves
 Matching mom/dad with baby animals and Little People

Benchmarks

2.1 Expresses curiosity/initiative in exploring environment/learning skills
2.2 Purposefully chooses/engages/ persists in experiences/activities
2.3 demonstrate strategies for reasoning and problem solving

Math & Science

Build houses for families with blocks
 Big Soft Blocks
 Sorting animals into families
 1:1 Correspondence
 Counting Fingers/Hands
 Cooking: Gingerbread families, pumpkin muffins, Pumpkin Seeds
 Sensory Table: Family Bath, Pumpkin Guts, Leaves, Pumpkins
 Pumpkin rolling
 Pumpkin Properties
 Shoe Seriation

Benchmarks

5.1 Understanding of comparisons & amounts/ numbers & counting
5.2 Understands patterns
5.3 Shapes and spatial relationships
5.4 Observes/describes/predicts the world

Creative Arts

Musical instruments
 Kitchen Band-pots and spoons
 Mom Shoes
 Dad Shoes
 Babies & baby carriers
 Baby beds
 Family Tree
 Songs: "Six Little Ducks," "Five Little Monkeys," "Skidamarink," "Wheels on the Bus," "Pig on her head." "The Farmer in the Dell"

Benchmarks

6.1 2- & 3-dimensional art media
6.2 Participates in a variety of rhythm /music/movement experiences
6.3 Dramatic play

Communication, Language, & Literacy

Flannel story- 3 Bears, Animal Families
 Big Books: *Old MacDonald had a farm (wife) with CD, Families, Mi Familia and Yo. The Carrot Seed, Good Dog Carl, Mamma Do You Love Me?, The Napping House, My Daddy Snores, Is Your Mamma a Llama?, Time for Bed"*
 Sign Language: Mom, dad, sister, brother, family
 Finger play: Where is Thumbkin?, "Here are Grandma's Glasses."

Benchmarks

4.1 Uses language for variety of purposes
4.2 Engage in early reading activities
4.3 Early Writing

Social/Emotional Development

Hand Washing
 Brushing Teeth
 Picking Up Toys
 Giving Help
 Give Hugs and soft touches
 Getting to know our Friends/ names & faces as eggs
 Family Style
 Meals/Snacks
 Laughing
 Together-sign and say

Benchmarks

3.1 Displays positive sense of self
3.2 Expresses emotions in socially/ culturally appropriate ways
3.3 Maintains relationship w/caregivers
3.4 Other children
3.5 Sense of Community

Motor Development

Hall Way Play-Babies and Strollers
 Campus Strolls/Walks
 Ring Around the Rosie
 Walks Holding Hands
 Climbing/Crawling on loft
 Running
 Family puzzles
 Little Houses

Benchmarks

1.1 Healthy and Safe Living
1.2 Engage in play to learn
1.3 Develop large motor skills
1.4 Fine Motor Development