



4.5 Year Learning Objectives

Phonics/Reading

- The child should accomplish the following phonics skills:
 - Attempts to sound out word families
 - Attempts to read CVC words
- Knows the following sight words; I, a, the, and, am
- Attempts to read simple sentences
- Attempts to read simple stories
- Recognizes ending punctuation; period, question mark and exclamation point
- Can match a written word to its picture

Writing/Penmanship

- Penmanship should be improving; uses a pencil while writing
- Can copy all letters, upper and lower case. Copies complete words and complete sentences
- Attempts to write all letters from memory

Mathematics

- Can count out loud to 100
- Recognizes written numbers to 50
- Adds numbers through 10; first with story problems, then equations. Accomplishes this with the use of manipulatives
- Can read addition equations and use proper terminology (five plus one equals six)
- Attempts to write numbers to 10 from memory
- Matches written numbers (numerals, not number words) to corresponding sets of objects

Science/Health

- Understands the concept that seeds grow into plants
- Understands the concept that babies grow into adults, whether it be human or animal
- Understands the importance of good health and exercise

Social Studies

- Understands the concept of rules and consequences in regard to living in a community (obeying stop signs, not littering, etc.)
- Familiar with several different holidays and their importance
- Familiar with community helpers and their responsibilities
- Recites the Pledge of Allegiance

Bible and Spiritual Growth

Bible instruction and spiritual growth training consists of a basic overview of the major stories and characters of the Old and New Testaments as well as the study of Christian character traits.

- Should have the ability to share a daily mealtime prayer and the ability to ad lib
- Should understand that prayer is talking to God and that we need to thank and praise Him as well as asking Him to help us with our needs
- Understands the concept of sin and forgiveness
- Knows many Bible stories and characters and should be able to tell you in his own words simple Bible stories instead of just being able to answer questions about them
- Knows many children's Bible songs

Readiness Skills

- Can "color in the lines"
- Can draw shapes from memory
- Can fold papers in half correctly
- Can draw simple pictures from memory like houses, people, trees, flowers, etc. (well enough to be recognizable)
- Can line up objects in order from smallest to largest and largest to smallest
- Recognizes and continues patterns
- Recites full name, full address, telephone number and parents' full names

Arts/Crafts

- More hands-on crafts requiring more dexterity and small muscle coordination (working with smaller pieces)
- Creates less mess when painting etc.
- Uses art/crafts supplies and tools correctly and knows their proper care

Music

- Increased familiarity with all the different kinds of instruments and the sounds that they make
- Increased recognition of contrasts; loud vs. soft, fast vs. slow, high pitch vs. low pitch

Physical Education

- Enjoys outdoor games; duck-duck-goose, ring-around-the-rosy, ball toss, etc.
- Participates in organized exercise; aerobics, yoga, etc.
- Understands taking turns and sportsmanship
- Increased coordination; hopping on one foot, walking along a balance beam or straight line
- Increased simple tumbling skills
- Dances in time/rhythm to music

Manners/Helping

- Incorporates manners in day to day activities
- Self-serves at snack time
- Utilizes appropriate mealtime manners

Personal Care

- Able to take care of all personal hygiene needs without assistance