

## SOCIAL / EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The young child needs guidance to interact and communicate with peers and adults. He/She needs to learn to cooperate and follow rules within a group. Self-initiative and responsibility are integral parts of self-awareness and independence. Respect for others and rules of courtesy should be fostered at a young age.



## Self-Awareness

All children will develop self-confidence and self-esteem.

Children will:

- demonstrate a sense of confidence and a positive self-image.
- demonstrate a sense of responsibility and independence.
- identify and be comfortable with cultural differences within his/her peer group.

## Pro-Social Skills

All children will develop relationships with peers through play, including conflict resolution skills and sensitivity to feelings, interests, and needs of others.

Children will:

- understand and accept consequences of actions for classroom routine and rules.
- develop friendships with peers.
- take turns and share.
- transition from the role of leader to role of follower when engaged in games/activities.
- transition from one activity to another easily.
- demonstrate a sense of self-control.

## Emotional Awareness

All children will demonstrate affection and appropriate physical contact.

Children will:

- ✿ express affection appropriate to feelings.
- ✿ display manners and courtesy.
- ✿ organize a collage of people working together.

## Intra-personal Skills

All children will demonstrate positive behavior.

Children will:

- ✿ resolve issues utilizing problem-solving techniques.
- ✿ converse about how they feel when conflicts happen in their lives.

## Behavior Management

All children will develop resilience to stressful situations.

Children will:

- ✿ demonstrate the ability to walk in a group, with a partner, and in line.
- ✿ communicate and display empathy for the feelings of others.
- ✿ direct and control negative feelings through physical activity such as playing with clay and rubber ball.

## Self-Help Skills

All children will develop a beginning interest in self-help skills.

Children will:

- demonstrate a sense of self-responsibility and self-reliance.
- work independently at assigned task.
- plan an activity and make choices.

## Communication of Feelings

All children will be able to express their feelings.

Children will:

- listen to a story and discuss how the character(s) were feeling.
- express feelings and empathy through drawing, storytelling, and/or dramatic play.
- ask for help and accept suggestions.

## Social Skills

All children will develop social skills that are appropriate to the age.

Children will:

- be courteous when others are speaking.
- solve problems cooperatively.
- show an understanding for the feelings of others and offer support.