# DISPOSITIONS, ESSENTIAL SKILLS, AND KNOWLEDGE

# KINDERGARTEN

## Language Arts

### Speaking and Listening

• Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.

## Reading

- With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.
- With prompting and support, retell familiar stories, including main topic and key details.
- With prompting and support, identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.
- With prompting and support, compare and contrast the adventures and experiences in familiar stories.
- With prompting and support, identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic (e.g., in illustrations, descriptions, or procedures).
- Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.
- Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print (including recognizing and naming upper-and-lower case letters).
- Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).
- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
- Read decodable-reader texts with purpose and understanding.

### Writing

- Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose opinion pieces in which they tell a reader the topic or the name of the book they are writing about and state an opinion or preference about the topic or book (e.g., My favorite book is . . .).
- Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory pieces in which they name what they are writing about and supply some information about the topic.
- Use combinations of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event or several loosely linked events in the order in which they occurred.

# Math

Focus on representing, relating, and operating on whole numbers, with sets of objects, describing shapes and space.

- Counting and Cardinality
- Represent and Solve Problems Involving Addition and Subtraction
- Understand and Use Place Value
- Mathematical Practices: Learning, experiencing, and applying skills and attitudes of mathematical content and concepts.
- Supporting Standards: Measurement, Data, and Geometry



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### Science

Obtain, evaluate, and communicate about weather patterns, living things, and motion of objects.

- Weather Patterns
- Living Things and Their Surroundings
- Force, Motion, and Interactions
- Science and Engineering Practices: *Behaviors that scientists and engineers engage in as they investigate the world and design solutions to problems.*

### **Social Studies**

- Geographic Literacy: Application of spatial understanding and landscape interpretation using globes, maps, and photographs.
- Historical Thinking: Demonstration of historical thinking practices including change and continuity over time, cause and effect relationships, interpretation of primary and secondary sources, and significance of historical events and figures.
- Civic Mindedness: Understanding of civic roles, rights, and responsibilities at various levels: the individual, group, government, and global.
- Economic Understanding: Knowledge of economic concepts and elements of financial literacy.

### **Healthy Lifestyles**

- Identify the value of physical activity, health-enhancing fitness, and nutrition.
- Identify emotions and how to appropriately react to different emotions by using responsible personal and social behavior.
- Demonstrate a beginning level of competency in motor skills and movement patterns in both locomotor (hop, skip, jump, etc.) and non-locomotor (balance, stretching, transfer weight, etc.) skills.
- Demonstrate efficient movement and performance in personal space and general space.

#### **Fine Arts**

- *Music*: Identify and perform steady beat with a variety of songs and activities.
- *Visual Art*: Recognize and be able to draw the Elements of line using zig-zag, curvy, straight, dotted, wavy, thick, thin, spiral, long/short, and dashed
- *Drama*: Explore of the elements of drama through the study of storytelling, oral presentation, script/story, acting/dramatization, design, and audience.
- *Dance*: Explore the elements of dance through the study of creative movement using the body/mind, time, space, shape, energy and cultural context.



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### **Technology and Computer Science**

- Computing Systems: Understanding the differences between computer hardware, software and their components. Describing and identifying hardware and software problems and how they work together as a system.
- Network and Internet: Understanding the importance of passwords, patterns, security measures and threats. Understanding what a network and the internet are, and how information is transmitted across them.
- Data: Making predictions, supporting claims, and determining outcomes.
- Algorithms: Sequencing step by step instructions, loops, bugs, variables, conditionals, and iteration.
- Impacts of Computing: How computing technologies have changed how people live and ways to improve accessibility and usability of technology for the diverse needs and wants of users.

