

Goals for a Second Year Child

The following academic and developmental achievements are areas of growth that are important to notice in your child at this time.

Language Skills

1. Has an interest in books, handles them with respect and understands that a book conveys meaning.
2. Has well developed listening skills.
3. Shows an interest in learning new vocabulary; wants to know the meaning of words and incorporates these into their conversation.
4. Developing recognition of letters by their name and their sound.
5. Has ability to isolate the initial sound of a word.
6. "Writes" his or her name and recognizes the letters in his or her name.
7. Is comfortable with a variety of writing instruments and enjoys drawing.
8. Shows tendency to work left to right and top to bottom.

Math

1. Recognition of numerals and their value.
2. Ability to count with one to one correspondence to 10.

Work Habits

1. Ability to move easily from one task to another independently.
2. Ability to concentrate on a task and follow through to completion.
3. Ability to work in partnership with others.
4. Independence and confidence in one's choices.
5. Understand and works within the classroom ground rules.
6. Demonstrates care in handling the materials.

Social Skills

1. Understands how to be a friend to others (lends a hand without direction, shows care and consideration for others, etc.).
2. Has the ability to express feelings and to begin to resolve conflicts.
3. Communicates with peers and adults freely.
4. Is gaining confidence in oneself and one's abilities.
5. Cooperates at circle time by waiting for their turn, giving attention to the child speaking, demonstrating an awareness of group needs and contributes to group discussions freely.

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