

Kiddie Academy® Life Essentials® Preschool/Pre-K Curriculum Exceeds New Jersey State Standards



MATHEMATICS		
GEOMETRY	NJ	Life Essentials®
Recognize and describe common shapes	✓	✓
Understand and use words that identify different positions (in, out, under, over)	✓	✓
MEASUREMENT		
Compare and order objects	✓	✓
Use standards and nonstandard measurement tools	✓	✓
Practice estimating distances with assistance		✓
CLASSIFICATION AND PATTERNS		
Recognize and duplicate simple patterns using manipulatives	✓	✓
Sort, classify, and order objects on the basis of one or two attributes	✓	✓
PROBLEM SOLVING		
Use a variety of strategies to solve problems	✓	✓
Make age-appropriate predictions		✓
NUMBER SENSE AND RELATIONSHIPS		
Describe or demonstrate a sequence of events	✓	✓
Engage in one-to-one correspondence	✓	✓
Apply knowledge of whole numbers	✓	✓

SCIENCE		
INQUIRY SKILLS	NJ	Life Essentials®
Curiosity about science objects, materials, and activities	✓	✓
Observe, question, predict, and investigate materials, objects and phenomena during classroom activities indoors and outdoors	✓	✓
Use basic science terms	✓	✓
Represent observations and work through drawing, recording data, and "writing"	✓	✓
CHARACTERISTICS OF LIFE		
Recognize difference between living and non living things	✓	✓
Identify that plants and animals have life cycles	✓	✓
WEATHER		
Match types of clothing to seasonal weather		✓
Identify changes that occur in animals during the seasons		✓
OBSERVATION		
Observe and investigate living things (how living things compare and contrast)	✓	✓
Use senses to observe and learn about environment		✓
ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY		
Identify bodies of water		✓
Identify and discuss the purpose and objects that can be recycled	✓	✓
Identify how litter can have negative impact on animals and the environment		✓
TECHNOLOGY		
Gain experience using technology	✓	✓
Use electronic devices independently	✓	✓
Use common technology vocabulary	✓	✓
Use electronic devices to gain information	✓	✓
PHYSICAL SCIENCE: PHYSICS		
Use magnets to explore and sort materials		✓
Explore and describe motion toys and objects	✓	✓

SOCIAL STUDIES		
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State rules and some consequences	✓	✓
Demonstrate knowledge about community workers and their roles	✓	✓
Demonstrate an awareness of the uses of money		✓
Demonstrate a beginning understanding of maps as actual representations of places		✓
Recognize that environment changes can impact what people do		✓
Understand how things, people and places change over time		✓

FINE ARTS		
GENERAL	NJ	Life Essentials®
Describe feelings and reactions in response to diverse genres and styles	✓	✓
Begin to demonstrate appropriate audience skills during recordings and performances	✓	✓
Participate in and observe arts from a variety of cultures and times	✓	✓
CREATIVE MOVEMENT AND DANCE		
Move the body in a variety of ways, with and without music	✓	✓
Use movement/dance to convey meaning around a theme or to show feelings	✓	✓
MUSIC		
Sing a variety of songs with expression, independently and with others	✓	✓
Use a variety of musical instruments to create music alone and/or with others, using different beats, tempos, dynamics, and interpretations	✓	✓
Listen to, imitate, and improvise sounds, patterns or songs	✓	✓
DRAMATIC PLAY AND STORYTELLING		
Use memory, imagination and language to make up new roles and act them out	✓	✓
Participate with others in dramatic play, negotiating roles and setting up scenarios using costumes and props	✓	✓
VISUAL ARTS		
Demonstrate the safe and appropriate use and care of art materials and tools	✓	✓
Create two and three-dimensional works of art while exploring color, line, shape, form, texture and space	✓	✓
Use vocabulary to describe various art forms and elements in the visual arts	✓	✓

MOTOR SKILLS		
FINE MOTOR	NJ	Life Essentials®
Develop small muscle control	✓	✓
Experiment with handheld tools that develop strength, control and dexterity of small muscles	✓	✓
Develop eye/hand coordination		✓
GROSS MOTOR		
Develop age-appropriate control and coordination	✓	✓
Develop age-appropriate balance and strength		✓
Explore variety of equipment and activities that enhance gross motor development	✓	✓

LANGUAGE ARTS		
SPEAKING AND LISTENING	NJ	Life Essentials®
Demonstrate active listening strategies	✓	✓
Understand that people communicate in many ways (gestures, sign language, expressions, etc.)	✓	✓
Make oral presentations		✓
Develop age-appropriate vocabulary	✓	✓
Develop age-appropriate grammar		✓
Understand multiple step directions	✓	✓
WRITING		
Use symbols or drawings to express ideas		✓
Use letter approximations to write words or ideas	✓	✓
Dictate words, phrases, sentences to adults for recording	✓	✓
Write letters in own name	✓	✓
Use spaces between letters and words	✓	✓
Write using a variety of materials (stamps, magnets, computer, etc.)	✓	✓
COMPREHENSION		
Retell sequence of events	✓	✓
Predict events in a story		✓
Show interest in reading for different purposes		✓
Asks and answers questions about content	✓	✓
Understand age-appropriate text read aloud	✓	✓
Comprehension of informational text		✓
Comprehension of literary text		✓
CONCEPTS ABOUT PRINT		
Recognize print conventions and understand print carries meaning	✓	✓
Recognize that print is used for different functions (grocery lists, menus, recipes, etc.)	✓	✓
Hold a book upright while turning pages (one by one, from front to back), reading from left to right, top to bottom, etc.	✓	✓
Identify some alphabet letters, especially those in own name	✓	✓
FLUENCY		
Engage in imitative reading at an appropriate rate	✓	✓
Read own name (and names of friends)	✓	✓
PHONEMIC/PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS		
Discriminate sounds and words		✓
Discriminate and produce rhyming words and alliteration	✓	✓
Blend sounds and syllables to form words	✓	✓
Segment sounds in spoken words and sentences	✓	✓
Perceive the difference between similar sounding words		✓
Make up and chant rhymes	✓	✓
PHONICS		
Recognize that letters have corresponding sounds		✓

The Kiddie Academy preschool curriculum standards exceed those required by your state, and are the most comprehensive compared to many other states across the United States.