DEVELOPMENTAL DOMAIN 2

Physical & Health

STANDARDS

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Gross Motor

- 2.1 Participates in a variety of gross and perceptual motor activities with age-appropriate equipment to develop control, balance, strength, and coordination
- 2.1.1 Uses spatial awareness to control body movements and perceptual motor integration to show the ability of different sensory systems (visual, auditory, etc.) working together

Example:

- » Child kicks a ball
- » Child balances while walking on a line
- » Child holds onto feet while lying on back

2.1.2 Develops coordination and balance

Example:

- » Child can sit, rock, stand, hop on one foot, etc.
- 2.1.3 Increases strength, endurance, and flexibility

Example:

- » Child picks up large blocks for building
- » Child plays running games (tag, racing)
- » Child crawls through a tunnel
- 2.1.4 Coordinates large muscle movements

Example:

» Child can roll-over, crawl, walk, throw, run, etc.

Fine Motor

2.2 Uses fine motor skills in a variety of age-appropriate ways with purpose, precision, and coordination

2.2.1 Develops eye-hand coordination

Example:

- » Child successfully uses safety scissors to cut
- » Child builds with small connecting blocks

2.2.2 Holds and uses objects properly

Example:

- » Child uses hands and fingers to reach, grasp, manipulate and release
- 2.2.3 Shows increasing refinement and detail in movements

Example:

- » Child holds a small block with thumb and fingertips
- » Child draws and paints with control
- » Child tears paper into pieces

2.2.4 Performs tasks that require small muscle strength and control

Example:

- » Child strings large beads
- » Child hits peg with a toy hammer

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Health

2.3 Participates in activities related to health and personal care routines

- Willingly takes part in various learning experiences about nutrition and tries a variety of nutritious foods Example:
 - » Child shows an interest in the kinds of foods being eaten by others
 - » Child willingly tries new foods
 - » Child participates in preparing his/her own healthy snack
- 2.3.2 Learns the importance of a healthy body, daily physical activity, and rest Example:
 - » Child willingly rests at nap time
 - » Child tells a friend, "Let's play tag."
- 2.3.3 Shows increasing independence in performing personal care routines Example:
 - » Child gets a tissue to wipe his/her nose and then washes hands
 - » Child covers mouth when sneezing and/or coughing
- 2.3.4 Shows understanding of the importance of visiting the doctor, dentist, etc. and following their instructions
 - » Child roleplays as a dentist, doctor, etc.
 - » Child shares about his/her experience at the optometrist

Safety

2.4 Recognizes and practices safe behaviors

2.4.1 Listens to and follows adult directions on safety procedures Example:

- » Child follows directions during emergency drills
- » Child follows classroom safety rules, e.g. walking not running
- » Child handles scissors safely
- 2.4.2 Knows how and when to seek help

Example:

- » Child seeks out an adult when someone gets hurt
- » Child understands when and how to call 911
- 2.4.3 Develops knowledge of environmental safety practices Example:
 - » Child is aware of safety practices regarding car/booster seat, water, sun, animals, plants, playgrounds, fire, streets, weapons, medications, poisons, tools, etc.
- 2.4.4 Develops knowledge of personal safety including good and bad touch, stranger awareness, and knowing personal information

Example:

- » Child recites home address and parent's phone number
- » Child describes stranger danger and personal space

Sensory Development

2.5 Uses senses to become aware of the social and physical environment

- 2.5.1 Children use their senses to explore objects and people in their environment Example:
 - » Child participates in a walk-a-long and describes the environment by using his/her senses
 - » Child identifies others by recognizing his/her voice