









# Welcome to Ms. Michelle's Classroom!

"The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own desire to learn."



## Presentation **Topics**

Classroom Routines

**Assessment** 

What happens during..

**Preschool Standards** 

Behavior Expectations





# Students at Work





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# Daily Schedule

#### AM Class Schedule

9:15- Drop off and Outdoor free play

9:45- Group bathroom break

10:00- Writing/Fine Motor

10:10- Snack Time then Floor Toys

10:35- Circle time

11:00-Small groups

11:20-Indoor free play

11:30- Closing circle/ dismissal



#### PM Class Schedule



1:00- Drop off and Outdoor free play

1:30- Group bathroom break

1:40- Writing/Fine Motor

1:50- Snack Time then Floor Toys

2:10- Circle time

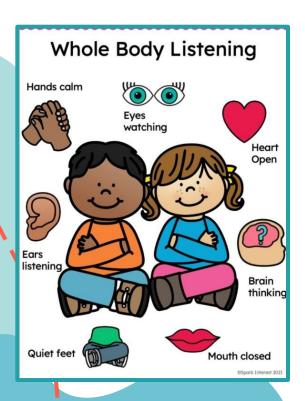
2:35-Small groups

2:55-Indoor free play

3:05- Closing circle/ dismissal

# Classroom Routines





One of the most important elements of early childhood learning is following directions and routines. In our classroom we have several routines that we follow including our arrival routine, eating snack, bathroom, small group, center/free play routine, walking in a line, and more. These routines are explained verbally and with visuals displayed around the classroom, along with lots of practice!

A consistent routine can help children feel in control and comfortable, which can help them explore, learn and grow.

# What happens during circle time?











Children hear new words and concepts through activities like singing and reading, which can help expand their vocabulary and understanding of language.

# What happens during small group?





Students split into 3 small groups, each with a teacher or therapist guidingthe activity.









# What happens during snack?

Snack is served family style. Students are working on:
-sharing/turn taking
-communicating and requesting wants/needs
-self control

- -build relationships with other students and staff
- -self help skills (cleaning up spills, throwing their trash away, washing hands)
  -healthy habits
- -fine motor development (scooping, tweezing, pouring)









# Behavior Expectations

Our classroom runs on a list of simple classroom rules that students practice daily.

Each day students can earn a gecko gold for being caught demonstrating the rules in the class (and for going above and beyond).

Gecko Gold store/treasure box occurs monthly. Students need 10 gecko golds to pick one prize.





# Curriculum Overview

Big Day for PreK is a proven research based comprehensive early childhood education program that builds upon children's curiosity and interest, and encourages them to explore, play, and learn about the world around them.





Big Day prepares preschool children for kindergarten through intentional and engaging learning opportunities that build the necessary foundations in essential learning domains



Big Day for PreK provides collection of classic and contemporary children's literature and nonfiction text, intensive language and early literacy development and technology.



The curriculum is designed to ensure children acquire knowledge, skills, and understanding each day through hands-on experience, purposeful play, and teacher-led instruction.



The promotion of social-emotional development is integrated into the curriculum helping children build social competence skills, improved self-control, and develop relationships with their teachers and peers.

## Curriculum Scope & Sequence (1)

Start Date	Theme	Theme Big Idea Social Letter/ Emotional Sound Literacy		Literacy	Math		
8/2	Ready for School	My School	Cooperation		Listening to Sounds	What is a Pattern?	
8/7	Ready for School	Making Friends	Cooperation		Identify Words in Sentences	Position Words	
8/14	Ready for School	Learning Together	Cooperation	Aa	Word Awareness	Comparing Lengths	
8/21	Ready for School	Getting Along	Cooperation	ВЬ	Review: Listening to Sounds	Compare Quantities	
8/28	My Family	Who's in my Family?	Kindness	Сс	Compound Words (Blend)	Naming Shapes	
9/5	My Family	We Take Care of Each Other	Kindness	Dd	Compound Words (Segment)	Measures Lengths	
9/11	My Family	Family Fun	Kindness	Ee	Compound Words (Segment)	Counts Objects, Recognize Numerals	
9/18	My Family	All Kinds of Families	Kindness	Aa-Ee	Review: Compound Words (Blend/Segment)	Sorts and Describes Objects	
9/26	Our Community	Places We Go	Responsibility	Ff	Combines Syllables Into Words	Maps and Position Words	
10/2	Our Community	People We Meet	Responsibility	Gg	Segments Syllables from Words	Compares Distances	
10/10	Our Community	Things That Move	Responsibility	Hh	Deletes Syllables from Words	Creates/Extends Patterns	
10/16	Our Community	Going Green!	Responsibility	Ii	Review: Syllables (Combine/Segment/Delete)	Concept of Counting, Counts to 5	
10/23	Optional Fall Activities						
10/30	Optional Fall Activities						

## Curriculum Scope & Sequence (2)

11/6	Awesome Animals	All Kinds of Animal	Attention	Jj	Blends Onset and Rime	Orders Objects by Size	
11/13	Awesome Animals	Animal Homes	Attention	Kk	Segment Onset and Rime	Counts to 10	
11/27	Awesome Animals	Creepy, Crawly Insects	Attention	LI	Identifies Rhyming Words	Problem Solving	
12/4	Optional Winter Activities						
12/11	Optional Winter Activities						
1/3	Awesome Animals	Animals Grow and Change	Attention	Aa-LI	Review: Onset and Rime (Blend/Segment/Delete)	Use Time Words	
1/8	Imagine it, Make it	Using My Imagination	Initiative	Mm	Identifies when Two Words Rhyme	Concept of Counting, Identifies Quantities Without Counting	
1/16	Imagine it, Make it	Tools We Use	Initiative	Nn	Produces a Rhyming Word	Patterns (Recognize, Create, Extend)	
1/22	Imagine it, Make it	Things We Build	Initiative	00	Produces Rhyming Words	Builds Structures	
1/29	Imagine it, Make it	Art All Around Us	Initiative	Рр	Review: Onset and Rime and Identifying/Producing Rhyming Words	Compares Areas of Shapes, Recognizes Capacity and Area	
2/5	Growing Up Healthy	My Senses	Self- Awareness	Qq	Identify and Match Initial Sounds	Shapes: Names, Identifies Attributes, Creates, Compares	
2/12	Growing Up Healthy	Taking Care of Myself	Self- Awareness	Rr	Identify and Match Initial Sounds	Compares Capacity	
2/20	Growing Up Healthy	Eating Well	Self- Awareness	Ss	Identify and Match Initial Sounds	Understands Graphs	
2/26	Growing Up Healthy	Staying Safe	Self- Awareness	Aa-Ss	Review: Identifies When Two Words Rhyme and Identifies and Matches Initial Sound	Strategies to Share and Divide	

## Curriculum Scope & Sequence (3)

3/4	Nature All Around Us	How Do Plants Grow?	Curiosity	Tt	Identifies and Matches Ending Sounds	Addition
3/18	Nature All Around Us	What's In the Sky?	Curiosity	Uu	Identifies and Matches Ending Sounds	Problem Solving, Shape Constancy
3/25	Optional Spring Activities					
4/1	Optional Spring Activities					
4/8	Nature All Around Us	Our Weather	Curiosity	Vv	Identifies and Matches Ending Sounds	Observes and Describes Temperature
4/15	Nature All Around Us	The Seasons	Curiosity	Ww	Review: Identifies and Matches Initial and Final Sounds	Creates and Recognizes Patterns
4/22	Moving On	Going New Places	Persistence	Xx	Blends Two Phonemes to Make Syllables or Words	Uses Position Words
4/29	Moving On	Trying New Things	Persistence	Уу	Blends Three Phonemes to Make Syllables or Words	Recognizes Patterns, Creates Patterns
5/6	Moving On	I Can Do It!	Persistence	Zz	Blends Three Phonemes to Make Words	Counts to 30, Subtraction
5/13	Moving On	We're Big Now!	Persistence	Aa-Zz	Review: Identifies Initial and Final Sounds, Blends Phonemes to Make Words	Compares Weights

## Themes through the year

Ready for school

My family
Our community
Nocturnal animals
On the farm
Fall/Turkeys
Winter wonderland
Gingerbread

Dinosaurs
Fairy tales
My 5 senses
Emotions
Growing up healthy
Plants
Life around the pond
Weather
Ocean



Arizona's Early Learning Standards

The <u>Arizona Early Learning Standards</u> (ELS) have been developed to provide a framework for the planning of quality learning experiences for all children 3 to 5 years of age. The standards cover a broad range of skill development and provide a useful instructional foundation for children from diverse backgrounds and with diverse abilities. The standards are intended for use by all those who work with young children in any early care and education setting

To view the current Arizona Early Learning Standards for preschool age

https://www.azed.gov/sites/default/files/2018/04/ELS%202018%20DRAFT% <u>20FOR%20COMMENT.pdf?id=5acd475b3217e1183c</u>539fa5

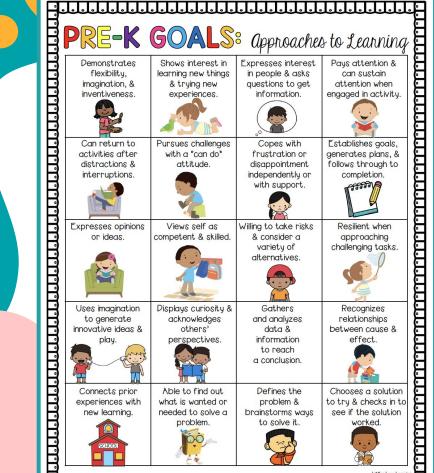
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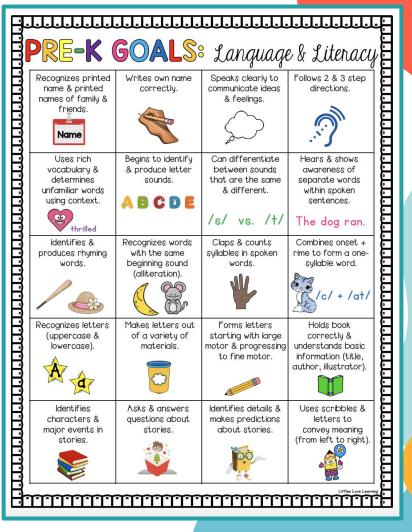
Overview of the Standards & Strands

Social-Emotional Development Standard  Strand 1: Self-Awareness and Emotional Skills Strand 2: Relationships and Social Skills Social-Emotional Integration and Alignment  Approaches to Learning Standard Strand 1: Initiative and Curiosity Strand 2: Attentiveness and Persistence Strand 3: Confidence and Resilience Strand 4: Creativity Strand 5: Reasoning and Problem Solving Approaches to Learning Integration and Alignment  Language and Literacy Standard Strand 1: Language	4	
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Strand 3: Emergent Writing		Strand 1: Language
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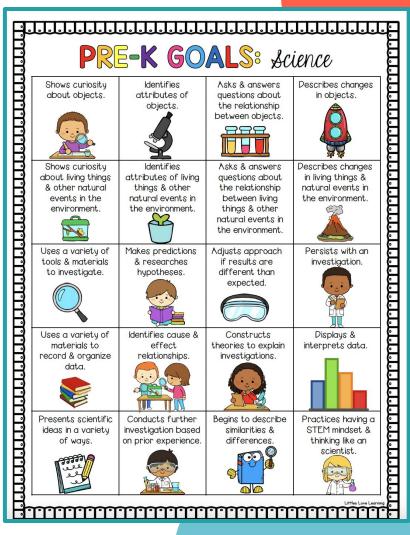
Strand 3: Measurement and Data
Strand 4: Geometry
Mathematics Integration and Alignment
Science Standard
Strand 1: Scientific Inquiry and Application
Science Integration and Alignment
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Social Studies Standard
Strand 1: Family
Strand 2: Community
Strand 3: History and Events
Social Studies Integration and Alignment
Physical Development, Health and Safety Standard
Strand 1: Physical Development
Strand 2: Health
Strand 3: Safety
Physical Development, Health and Safety Integration and Alignment
Fine Arts Standard
Strand 1: Visual Arts
Strand 2: Music
Strand 3: Creative Movement and Dance
Strand 4: Dramatic Play
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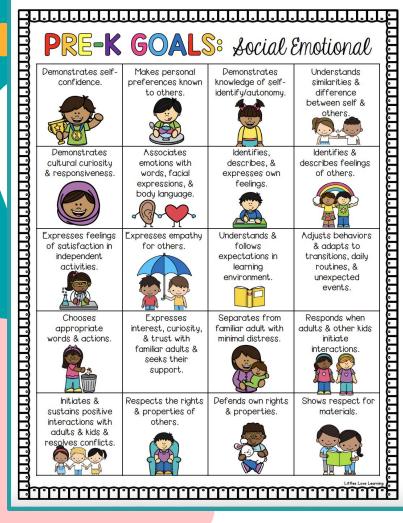






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#### PRE-K GOALS: Fine arts Engages in 2 & 3 Describes & Creates own Represents original works using creative choices. dimensional artistic communicates an a variety of ideas, experiences. investigations. understanding of materials & tools. & feelings with their work. details that. connect to personal meaning. Experiments with Sinas familiar Uses familiar Responds to a variety of rhymes, songs, & rhymes, songs, or different styles of vocalizations & chants. chants to create music. their own sounds. improvisations. Understands music Experiments with a Dances & moves to Responds with in the context of variety of rhymes, songs, & movement to various sensory daily experiences. instruments. chants stimuli. Describes & Assumes roles Uses a variety of Takes on more communicates from daily activities props during than one dramatic dance in the in dramatic play. dramatic play. play role. context of daily experiences. Pretends an Dramatizes familiar Adds details & Acts out past object exists stories. expresses ideas in experiences in without using a dramatic play. dramatic play. prop.

## PRE-K GOALS: Physical & Safety

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De knor maturing balance skills.

Moves with maturing locomotor skills (leaps. gallops, skips, etc.)

Moves with maturing coordination (reach, grasp, etc.)

Demonstrates body, spatial, & directional awareness.



Views self in relationship to others in a family.



Describes & discusses own cultural or familiar traditions.

Identifies similarities & differences in own family & the families of others.



Develops an awareness of personal & family

Knows family members' roles & responsibilities at home.



Recognizes that people rely on others for goods & services.



opportunities for

Describes their

role at home, at

school, & in the

Knows how to

care for the

indoor & outdoor

environment.



Describes

directionality &

location within the

community.

Understands time in

the context of daily

experiences.



PRE-K GOALS: Social Studies

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Uses fingers.

hands, & wrists to

manipulate a

variety of tools

Demonstrates

hygiene practices

& personal care

tasks with

increasing

independence.

Uses eye-hand

coordination.

Demonstrates

healthy nutrition

practices.

Identifies & follows

basic safety rules.

Manipulates smaller objects & tools with wrist & squeezing motion.

Uses fine motor skills in daily living.



Demonstrates active physical play & rest.

Identifies basic

signs & symbols

that indicate

danger.

CAUTION  Demonstrates emerging knowledge of wellness.



Demonstrates transportation & street safety practices.





Identifies how adults help keep us safe.



Demonstrates emerging knowledge of oral health.

Enforces personal

boundaries.



Knows personal information (name, parents' names, address, phone number) and emergency safety

practices.

Demonstrates ways to tell a

trusted adult if threatened or harmed.

## Assessment



#### Teaching Strategies GOLD Overview

Teaching Strategies GOLD\* is an authentic observation-based assessment system for children from birth through kindergarten. The system may be implemented with any developmentally appropriate curriculum. It blends ongoing observational assessment for all areas of development and learning with performance tasks for selected predictors of school success in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Teaching Strategies GOLD\* can be used to assess all children, including English-language learners, children with disabilities, and children who demonstrate competencies beyond typical developmental expectations.

We use the Teaching Strategies GOLD app to upload photos and info daily to assess students in their natural environment doing the activities that we are working on in class. We have 3 specific checkpoints at the Beginning, Middle, and End of the year to see progress.

## Assessment

#### Using Teaching Strategies GOLD®

The primary purpose of *Teaching Strategies GOLD*\* is to document children's learning over time, inform instruction, and facilitate communication with families and other stakeholders. It is important to remember that *Teaching Strategies GOLD*\* is not intended as a screening or diagnostic measure, an achievement test, or a program-evaluation tool.

#### **Objectives for Development and Learning**

Teaching Strategies GOLD\* enables educators to focus on and measure the knowledge, skills, and behaviors most predictive of school success. The tool has a total of 38 objectives. Two objectives are related specifically to English language acquisition, and the other 36 objectives are organized into nine areas of development and content-area learning. The areas are

- Social–Emotional
- Physical
- Language
- Cognitive
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Science and Technology
- The Arts

# Desert Sage Code of Conduct

Desert Sage has a newly revised "Code of Conduct," which is a set of guidelines for behaviors which exemplify our Gecko Goals:

BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESPONSIBLE



Learning

Areas

Whole body

listenina

others

genius Show

others

· Speak kindly to

· Value other's

yourself &

compassion for

Be a productive

group member

Hallway &

Walkway

· Go directly to

Be a positive role model

Be mindful of

learning areas

your destination

#### **DESERT SAGE** CODE OF CONDUCT

Playground

· Line up

immediately at

Report incidents

the bell or

to a monitor

follow them

equipment, put

· Learn rules &

whistle

Care for

it away



Restroom

Be timely

yourself

Flush, wash, dry,

goodbye

Clean up after

Arrival &

**Dismissal** 

· Put technology

sidewalks, away

your destination

away

Stay on

from cars

· Go directly to

Gecko

**Gathering** 

· Whole body

listenina

Participate

appropriate

Keep backpack

& other items in

designated area

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Be

Safe

Voice 0-3	Voice 0-2	Voice 5	Voice 2	Voice 1	Voice 2-3	Voice 0-3
Stay in work area     Hands & feet to yourself     Use materials correctly	Face forward & walk on the right side     Hands & feet to yourself     Carry your materials with care     Keep sand & rocks off walkway	Use equipment correctly     Hands & feet to yourself	Carry tray with both hands Wash hands with soap Eat only your food Hands & feet to yourself	Give others their personal space Use facilities appropriately Wash hands with soap	Use crosswalks Hands & feet to yourself Be calm & orderly Walk your bike on campus	Stay in assigned area Hands & feet to yourself Stay with your class/group
Follow teacher directions     Follow classroom procedures     Take charge of your own learning     Have pride in your work     Persevere in tasks	Yield to others     Honor our     school property     Be polite & use     manners     Be aware of     others	Follow monitor directions     Take turns     Show compassion by including others     Be polite & use manners	Follow monitor directions     Ask permission to leave your table     Wait your turn in line     Show compassion by including others     Be polite & use manners	Honor privacy     Wait your turn	Follow monitor & crossing guard directions     Wait patiently for gates/doors to open     Yield to others     Honor our school property     Be polite & use manners	Follow teacher directions     Celebrate appropriately     Be polite & use manners     Be aware of others

Cafeteria

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

and You'll ALWAYS Be Ready to Learn!

· Clean up after

Eat your food

Speak kindly to

yourself

promptly

others

## Bond/Override



The DVUSD Override is **NOT** a new tax nor is it a tax increase!

#### What is an override?

An override helps preserve fine arts and athletic programs, as well as maintain class sizes. The funds will also be used to attract and retain highly qualified teachers and support staff.

Get more facts at DVUSD.org/override

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#### WHAT WILL THE M&O OVERRIDE FUND?

#### Athletics & Arts Programs

DVUSD offers competitive high school and middle school sports programs at multiple levels, and visual and performing arts such as theatre, chorus, and band for students of all talents and ages.

#### Free Full-Day Kindergarten

Since 2017, DVUSD has funded full-day kindergarten to our community at no out-of-pocket cost to families.

#### Student & Family Needs

DVUSD provides student support services such as school nurses, academic counseling, and early childhood preschool programs.

#### Increase Employee Pay & Maintain Class Size

Approximately 8% of employee pay comes from M&O override funding, allowing DVUSD to attract and retain teachers. This also allows DVUSD to keep the average student-to-teacher ratio at 17:1 per classroom.



# Gecko Gathering

Desert Sage's monthly community gathering where families can join teachers, staff & students as we celebrate all things happening at Desert Sage throughout the year.

\*8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.\*

Desert Sage Grassy Knoll/Breezeway

- Sept. 6th
   Dec. 6th
   Mar. 7th
- · Oct. 4th · Jan. 10th · April 4th
- Nov. 1st
   Feb. 7th
   May 16th

## Emergency Bucket - donations needed



### Desert Sage Elementary

















Please reach out with questions

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