



# Teaching Strategies GOLD™

Assessment System

*Birth Through Kindergarten*



# Today's objectives

- \* Introduce The Creative Curriculum, by Teaching Strategies
  - ~ How Children Develop & Learn
- \* The Assessment Cycle - Objectives for Development and Learning
- \* Introduce The Creative Curriculum GOLD, by Teaching Strategies
  - ~ Observations, Dimensions, Indicators and Levels, Individual Child Report, Weekly Planning Forms, and Family Site
- \* Explain the Alignment of The Creative Curriculum GOLD with California Preschool Learning Foundations
- \* Provide resources

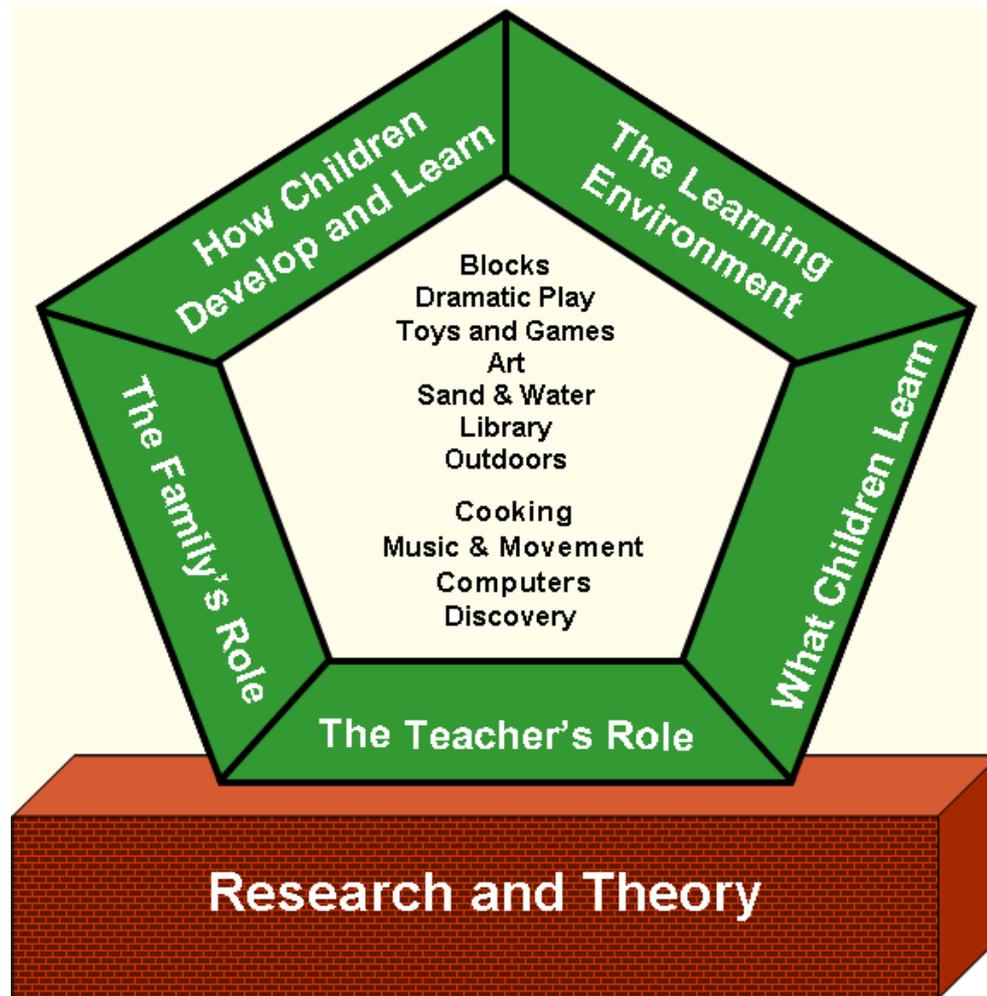
## The Goals of The Creative Curriculum

The most important goal of our early childhood curriculum is to help children become enthusiastic learners. This means encouraging children to be active and creative explorers who are not afraid to try out their ideas and to think their own thoughts. Our goal is to help children become independent, self-confident, inquisitive learners.

We're teaching them how to learn, not just in preschool, but all through their lives. We're allowing them to learn at their own pace and in the ways that are best for them. We're giving them good habits and attitudes, particularly a positive sense of themselves, which will make a difference throughout their lives.

The philosophy of The Creative Curriculum is that the best way to help children succeed is to teach them to be creative, confident thinkers. That means offering them opportunities for hands-on exploration and discovery that help build lifelong critical thinking skills and foster confidence. Learning isn't just repeating what someone else says; it requires active thinking and experimenting to find out how things work and to learn firsthand about the world we live in.

In their early years, children explore the world around them by using all their senses (touching, tasting, listening, smelling, and looking.) The activities we plan for children, the way we organize the environment, select toys and materials, plan the daily schedule, and talk with children, are all designed to accomplish the goals of our curriculum and give your child a successful start in school.



The preschool curriculum identifies goals in the following areas of development:

**Social/Emotional:** To help children develop independence, self-confidence, and self-control, follow rules and routines, make friends, and learn what it means to be part of a group.

**Physical:** To increase children's large muscle skills – balancing, running, jumping, throwing, and catching – and use the small muscles in their hands to do tasks like buttoning, stringing beads, cutting, drawing, and writing.

**Cognitive:** To acquire thinking skills such as the ability to solve problems, to ask questions, and to think logically – sorting, classifying, comparing, counting, and making patterns – and to use materials and their imagination to show what they have learned.

**Language:** To use words to communicate with others, listen to and participate in conversations with others, understand the purpose of print, recognize letters and words, and begin writing for a purpose.

*The Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers and Twos* identifies goals in all areas of development:

- ❖ **Social-Emotional Development:** To learn about self and others - trusts known, caring adults, regulates own behavior, plays with other children, learns to be a member of a group, and uses personal care skills.
- ❖ **Physical Development:** To learn about moving - demonstrates basic gross motor skills, demonstrates basic fine motor skills.
- ❖ **Cognitive Development:** To learn about the world - sustains attention, understands how objects can be used, shows a beginning understanding of cause and effect, shows a beginning understanding that things can be grouped, uses problem solving strategies, engages in pretend play.
- ❖ **Language Development:** To learn about communicating - develops receptive language, develops expressive language, participates in conversations, understands and uses words, enjoys books and being read to, shows an awareness of pictures and print, experiments with drawing and writing.

The planned activities for the children, the organization of the environment, the selection of toys and materials, planning the daily schedule and interacting with the children, are all designed to accomplish the goals and objectives of the curriculum and give your child a successful year at the CDC.

*The Creative Curriculum* shows teachers how to integrate learning in literacy, math, science, social studies, the arts, and technology throughout the day. It also gives the teacher a wide range of teaching strategies- from child-initiated learning, to teacher-directed approaches, to best respond to children's learning styles, strengths, and interests.

The teachers at the Alameda CDC build the curriculum for their children around the environment using different interest areas or centers including:

- ❖ Dramatic Play
- ❖ Blocks
- ❖ Table Toys
- ❖ Art
- ❖ Sand and Water
- ❖ Library
- ❖ Music & Movement
- ❖ Computers
- ❖ Outdoors
- ❖ Discovery/Science

The richer the environments, the more concrete opportunities there are for children to learn by interacting with materials and people. The teacher's role is to create an environment that invites children to observe, to be active, to make choices, and to experiment.

## A LETTER TO FAMILIES ABOUT THE LIBRARY AREA

Dear Families,

The Library Area is a very important part of our classroom and of your child's life. It's where children gain the foundation for reading and writing. It's also a place where children can relax and enjoy the wonderful world of children's books.

We encourage children to look at books, to listen to taped stories, to retell stories, and to scribble and "write" throughout the day. Sometimes children dictate stories to us, which we record in books."

We read stories to the children every day. Reading introduces new ideas, helps children learn how to handle problems that come up in life, and mostly encourages them to develop a love for books. As children listen to us read, their own reading skills begin to develop. Here are some of the things we do as we read.

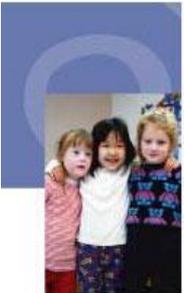
- We look at pictures and ask: "What do you see?"
- We encourage children to predict what will happen next: "What do you suppose will happen now?"
- We encourage children to repeat words, rhymes, and phrases they've memorized.

### What You Can Do at Home

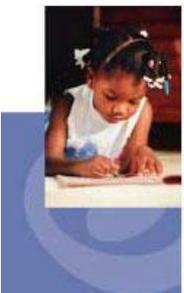
Research has shown us the important role families play in helping children learn to read and write. The single most important thing you can do is to read to your child every day. When your child sits next to you as you read, he begins to connect books with good feelings. Here are a few more things you can do with your child.

- Encourage your child to talk about the stories you read.
- Ask questions like, "I wonder what will happen next?" or "I wonder why . . .?"
- Try to relate the story to something in your child's life ("That dog looks just like Grandpa's").
- Visit the library and check out books that interest your child.
- Give your child paper and pencils, pens, or markers and let him experiment with writing. Don't worry if his writing isn't perfect!

If you'd like some help choosing books—or guidance on how to read with your child—please come see us. To keep your child's home library well stocked, you can draw on the resources of your local public library. When you take time to read to your child every day, you are doing the very best thing to help your child grow up to be a successful reader.



# a parent's guide to preschool



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curriculum-embedded

on-going

naturalistic

systematic

play-based

authentic

**assessment**

observation-based

developmentally appropriate



**Teaching Strategies®**  
for Early Childhood



The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) defines *assessment* as “the process of gathering information about children from several forms of evidence [and] then organizing and interpreting that information.”

The Creative Curriculum GOLD, from Teaching Strategies, helps teachers with that process.

GOLD is a *developmentally appropriate* assessment system. This means that it takes into consideration widely held developmental expectations for children at each **age**, focuses on the strengths of each **individual** child, and takes into account the **social and cultural** context in which each child is assessed.

# The Assessment Cycle



## Assessment

Assessment

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Assessment Overview

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*Teaching Strategies GOLD™* is a brand-new, ongoing observational assessment tool—based upon years of feedback from thousands of educators and important new research about how children develop and learn.

*GOLD™* is an assessment system that helps teachers be intentional in their teaching by accurately pinpointing where children are in their development and learning. It's a teacher-friendly, easy-to-understand approach to observation, documentation, portfolio-building, and reporting—the essential components of a high-quality assessment system.

Put simply, *GOLD™* is the observational assessment system early childhood educators have been asking for.

See the *Teaching Strategies GOLD™ Objectives for Development & Learning*. [\(PDF\)](#)

Read our *Teaching Strategies GOLD™ Research Foundation Paper* for an in-depth look at our 38 *Objectives for Development & Learning*. [\(PDF\)](#)

Read "The Measurement Properties of the *Teaching Strategies GOLD™* Assessment System:

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## Add Documentation for Children in Preschool

[+ Home Language Survey Reminder](#)

### Type

- General Documentation ?  
 Assessment Opportunity Card ?  
 On-the-Spot ?

### Identify Children (Select Children)

### Date Observed



### Notes

**B** *I* U

Jane was counting candles as she put them on a cake. She counted each one 1-10. I took a cake and showed her the number (6) at the bottom and asked her what number it was and she said "6." I showed her another one (9) and asked her what number it was and she said "9." Jane picked a cake up and said "this one is 3 and this one is 10."

### Support

[Quick Start: Documentation](#)
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# Objectives for Development and Learning: Birth through Kindergarten

## SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL

- 1. Regulates own emotions and behaviors**
  - a. Manages feelings
  - b. Follows limits and expectations
  - c. Takes care of own needs appropriately
  
- 2. Establishes and sustains positive relationships**
  - a. Forms relationships with adults
  - b. Responds to emotional cues
  - c. Interacts with peers
  - d. Makes friends
  
- 3. Participates cooperatively and constructively in group situations**
  - a. Balances needs and rights of self and others
  - b. Solves social problems

## PHYSICAL

- 4. Demonstrates traveling skills**
  
- 5. Demonstrates balancing skills**
  
- 6. Demonstrates gross-motor manipulative skills**
  
- 7. Demonstrates fine-motor strength and coordination**
  - a. Uses fingers and hands
  - b. Uses writing and drawing tools

## LANGUAGE

- 8. Listens to and understands increasingly complex language**
  - a. Comprehends language
  - b. Follows directions
  
- 9. Uses language to express thoughts and needs**
  - a. Uses an expanding expressive vocabulary
  - b. Speaks clearly
  - c. Uses conventional grammar
  - d. Tells about another time or place
  
- 10. Uses appropriate conversational and other communication skills**
  - a. Engages in conversations
  - b. Uses social rules of language

## COGNITIVE

- 11. Demonstrates positive approaches to learning**
  - a. Attends and engages
  - b. Persists
  - c. Solves problems
  - d. Shows curiosity and motivation
  - e. Shows flexibility and inventiveness in thinking
  
- 12. Remembers and connects experiences**
  - a. Recognizes and recalls
  - b. Makes connections
  
- 13. Uses classification skills**
  
- 14. Uses symbols and images to represent something not present**
  - a. Thinks symbolically
  - b. Engages in socio-dramatic play

## **LITERACY**

### **15. Demonstrates phonological awareness**

- a. Notices and discriminates rhyme
- b. Notices and discriminates alliteration
- c. Notices and discriminates smaller and smaller units of sound

### **16. Demonstrates knowledge of the alphabet**

- a. Identifies and names letters
- b. Uses letter–sound knowledge

### **17. Demonstrates knowledge of print and its uses**

- a. Uses and appreciates books
- b. Uses print concepts

### **18. Comprehends and responds to books and other texts**

- a. Interacts during read-alouds and book conversations
- b. Uses emergent reading skills
- c. Retells stories

### **19. Demonstrates emergent writing skills**

- a. Writes name
- b. Writes to convey meaning

## **MATHEMATICS**

### **20. Uses number concepts and operations**

- a. Counts
- b. Quantifies
- c. Connects numerals with their quantities

### **21. Explores and describes spatial relationships and shapes**

- a. Understands spatial relationships
- b. Understands shapes

### **22. Compares and measures**

### **23. Demonstrates knowledge of patterns**

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **24. Uses scientific inquiry skills**

### **25. Demonstrates knowledge of the characteristics of living things**

### **26. Demonstrates knowledge of the physical properties of objects and materials**

### **27. Demonstrates knowledge of Earth’s environment**

### **28. Uses tools and other technology to perform tasks**

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

### **29. Demonstrates knowledge about self**

### **30. Shows basic understanding of people and how they live**

### **31. Explores change related to familiar people or places**

### **32. Demonstrates simple geographic knowledge**

## **THE ARTS**

### **33. Explores the visual arts**

### **34. Explores musical concepts and expression**

### **35. Explores dance and movement concepts**

### **36. Explores drama through actions and language**

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION**

### **37. Demonstrates progress in listening to and understanding English**

### **38. Demonstrates progress in speaking English**

# Progressions of Development and Learning



Color Bands



Birth to 1 year

1 to 2 years

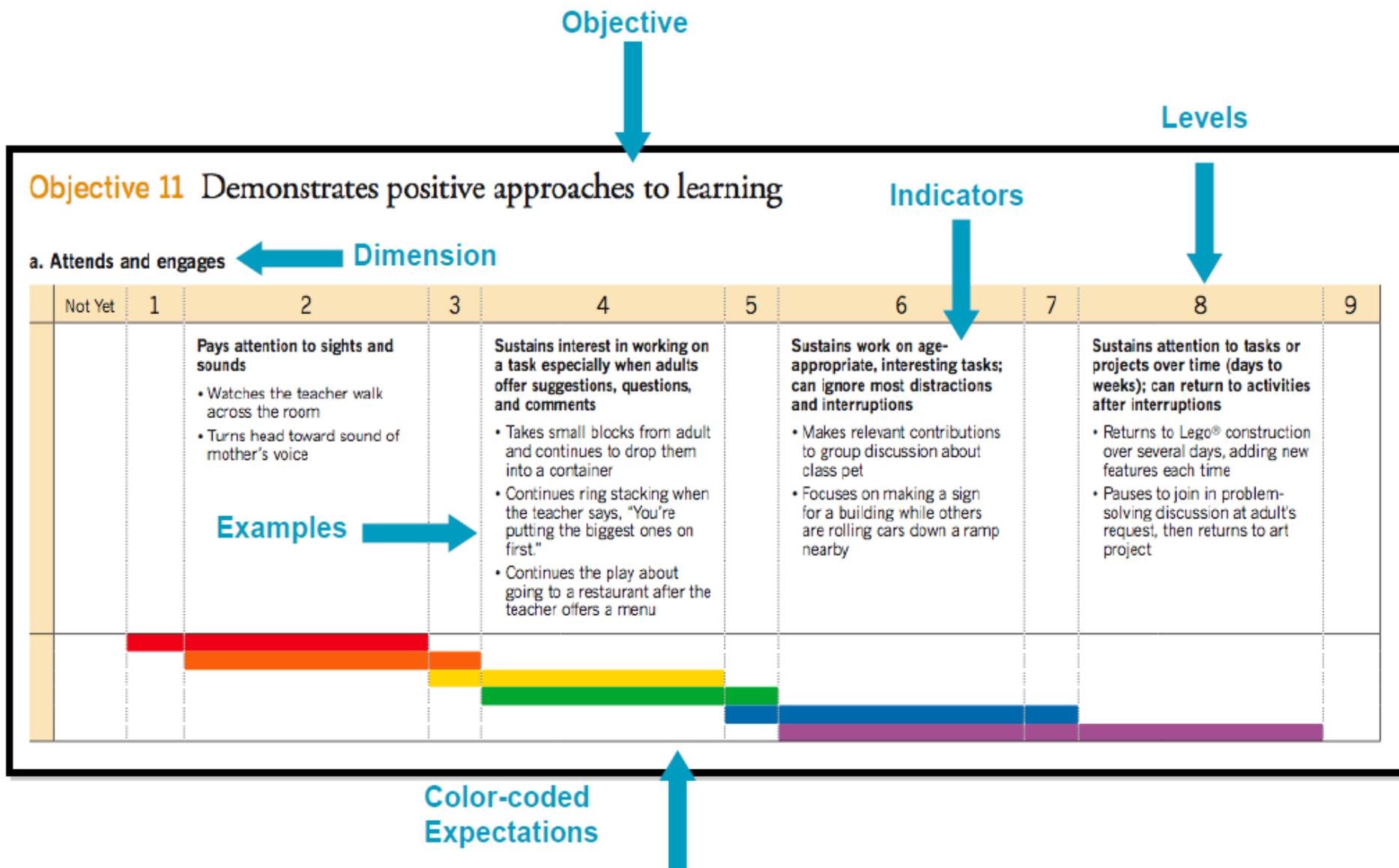
2 to 3 years

3 to 4 years

4 to 5 years

Kindergarten

# A Progression of Development and Learning



Social-Emotional 

 Physical 

 Language 

## Set Preliminary Level(s)

Area: Language

Objective: 10 - Uses appropriate conversational and other communication skills

Dimension: a. Engages in conversations

Level	Not Yet	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7	Level 8	Level 9
Indicators	Not Yet		Engages in simple back-and-forth exchanges with others		Initiates and attends to brief conversations		Engages in conversations of at least three exchanges		Engages in complex, lengthy conversations (five or more exchanges)	
Examples (+)										
Colored Bands (-)										
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Objective 22: Compares and measures

 Objective 23: Demonstrates knowledge of patterns 

 Science and Technology

Social-Emotional ⓘ

 Physical ⓘ

 Language ⓘ
Set Preliminary Level(s) ✕

Area: Language ⓘ

Objective: 10 - Uses appropriate conversational and other communication skills ⓘ

Dimension: a. Engages in conversations ⓘ

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Examples (-)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coos at adult who says, "Sweet Jeremy is talking." He coos again, and adult imitates the sounds</li> <li>• Shakes head for no; waves bye-bye</li> <li>• Joins in games such as pat-a-cake and</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Says, "Doggy." Teacher responds, "You see a doggy." Child says, "Doggy woof."</li> <li>• Asks teacher, "Home now?" Teacher responds, "Yes, I'm leaving to go home."</li> <li>• Looks at teacher and points to</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stays on topic during conversations</li> <li>• Maintains the conversation by repeating what the other person says or by asking questions</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offers interesting comments with communication device</li> <li>• Extends conversation by moving gradually from one topic to a related topic</li> </ul>	

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Objective 22: Compares and measures

 Objective 23: Demonstrates knowledge of patterns ⓘ

 Science and Technology ⓘ

+ Social-Emotional ⓘ

+ Physical ⓘ

- Language ⓘ

Set Preliminary Level(s) ✕

Area: Language ⓘ

Objective: 10 - Uses appropriate conversational and other communication skills ⓘ

Dimension: a. Engages in conversations ⓘ

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Examples (+)										
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Objective 22: Compares and measures

 Objective 23: Demonstrates knowledge of patterns ⓘ

+ Science and Technology ⓘ

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Observation Added to Fall 2014/2015

## General Documentation for Jane Doe September 1, 2014

Jane was counting candles as she put them on a paper cake. She counted each one 1-10. I took a cake and showed her the number (6) at the bottom and asked her what number it was and she said "6." I showed her another one (9) and asked her what number it was and she said "9." Jane pointed at the number 3 and said, "This many is 3," has she held up three of her fingers.

### Associated Dimensions & Levels | September 1, 2014

D

- 8a. Comprehends language i
- 8b. Follows directions i
- 9b. Speaks clearly i
- 10a. Engages in conversations i
- 20a. Counts i
- 20c. Connects numerals with their quantities i

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### Key

- S On-the-Spot Observation Recording Tool
- F Family Documentation
- C Assessment Opportunity Cards™
- D General Documentation
- i Information

### Support

- [Quick Start: Documentation](#)
- [How do I individualize Group Documentation?](#)
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### Resources

- [Assessment Opportunity Cards™](#)
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Observation Added to Fall 2014/2015

## General Documentation for Jane Doe September 10, 2014



Jane said, "I'm going to write a letter to mommy." She got a piece of paper and a pencil and sat down at the writing desk. She held the pencil upright and formed letter from left to right. When she was done writing, I asked her what she wrote in her letter. She said, "I asked her if we can go to the park today. I told her I love her."

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### Resources

- Assessment Opportunity Cards™*
- Additional Self-Care Progressions
- Objectives for Development and Learning

### Associated Dimensions & Levels | September 10, 2014

**D**

- 11a. Attends and engages **i**
- 11b. Persists **i**
- 12b. Makes connections **i**
- 16a. Identifies and names letters **i**
- 17b. Uses print concepts **i**
- 19b. Writes to convey meaning **i**

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Child:	Jane Doe
Birth Date:	June 1, 2010
Checkpoint Periods:	Fall 2014/2015 All levels including Preliminary Levels added to Documentation (but still use latest available)
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**Social-Emotional**

Objectives/Dimensions	Age or Class/Grade	Not Yet	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1a. Manages feelings	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
1b. Follows limits and expectations	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
1c. Takes care of own needs appropriately	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
2a. Forms relationships with adults	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
2b. Responds to emotional cues	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
2c. Interacts with peers	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
2d. Makes friends	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
3a. Balances needs and rights of self and others	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
3b. Solves social problems	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										

**Physical**

Objectives/Dimensions	Age or Class/Grade	Not Yet	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
4. Demonstrates traveling skills	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
5. Demonstrates balancing skills	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
6. Demonstrates gross-motor manipulative skills	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
7a. Uses fingers and hands	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
7b. Uses writing and drawing tools	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										

**Language**

Objectives/Dimensions	Age or Class/Grade	Not Yet	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8a. Comprehends language	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										

## Language

Objectives/Dimensions	Age or Class/Grade	Not Yet	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8a. Comprehends language	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)							Fall 2014/2015*			
8b. Follows directions	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)							Fall 2014/2015*			
9a. Uses an expanding expressive vocabulary	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)								Fall 2014/2015*		
9b. Speaks clearly	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)								Fall 2014/2015*		
9c. Uses conventional grammar	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
9d. Tells about another time or place	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
10a. Engages in conversations	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)							Fall 2014/2015*			
10b. Uses social rules of language	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)								Fall 2014/2015*		

## Cognitive

Objectives/Dimensions	Age or Class/Grade	Not Yet	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
11a. Attends and engages	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)							Fall 2014/2015*			
11b. Persists	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)						Fall 2014/2015*				
11c. Solves problems	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
11d. Shows curiosity and motivation	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
11e. Shows flexibility and inventiveness in thinking	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
12a. Recognizes and recalls	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
12b. Makes connections	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)								Fall 2014/2015*		
13. Uses classification skills	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
14a. Thinks symbolically	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										

## Literacy

Objectives/Dimensions	Age or Class/Grade	Not Yet	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
15a. Notices and discriminates rhyme	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
15b. Notices and discriminates alliteration	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
15c. Notices and discriminates smaller and smaller units of sound	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
16a. Identifies and names letters	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)					Fall 2014/2015*					
16b. Uses letter-sound knowledge	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
17a. Uses and appreciates books	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
17b. Uses print concepts	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)						Fall 2014/2015*				
18a. Interacts during read-alouds and book conversations	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
18b. Uses emergent reading skills	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
18c. Retells stories	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
19a. Writes name	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
19b. Writes to convey meaning	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)					Fall 2014/2015*					

## Mathematics

Objectives/Dimensions	Age or Class/Grade	Not Yet	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
20a. Counts	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
20b. Quantifies	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
20c. Connects numerals with their quantities	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
21a. Understands spatial relationships	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
21b. Understands shapes	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
22. Compares and measures	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										
23. Demonstrates knowledge of patterns	Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)										

# Teachers can ~ Develop weekly lesson plans on-line

Week of: Sep 29, 2014 Study/Project: Friendship Teacher(s):

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Interest Areas					
Large Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss what are friends and who they are? Discuss letter F</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: 2c , 3a , 6a , 10a</li> <li>Children: All</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have children name other students during circle time and make a graph of how many girls vs. boys</li> <li>Description: Name children they dont normally play with</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: 2d , 20a , 20b</li> <li>Children: All</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss how we treat our friends and people we love. Friendship Quilt</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: 2c , 3a</li> <li>Children: All</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sing song about friendship. F is for friendship</li> <li>Description: Sing in Row row row your boat tune</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Row row row your boat Gently with a friend The more we row, our friendship grows May our friendship never end.</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: 3a , 34</li> <li>Children: All</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share Day</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: 9b , 11a</li> <li>Children: All</li> <li>My Turn, Your Turn</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: 3b , 2b , 29 , 11d , 3a , 1a , 2c , 58b , 6 , 8b , 1c</li> <li>Children: All</li> </ul>
Small Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buddy Painting</li> <li>Description: Partners of 2, paint together/make a collage</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: 2c , 11a</li> <li>Children: All</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue with Buddy Painting</li> <li>Description: Partners of 2, paint together/make a collage</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: 2c , 11a</li> <li>Children: All</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make a card/picture for a friend</li> <li>Description: Each student will make a card or draw a picture and give it to a friend... Each child will only get 1 picture/card from a student.</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: 2d , 7b</li> <li>Children: All</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name ball game</li> <li>Description: They have to say the child's name before they throw the ball to them.</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: 7a , 9b</li> <li>Children: All</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friendship hand painting</li> <li>Description: Hand prints in a circular shape of friends holding hands. (Left hand, right hand alternating, thumbs overlapping)</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: 2c , 7a</li> <li>Children: All</li> </ul>
Read Aloud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Froggy's sleepover</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: 1b , 3b , 8a , 11a , 12a</li> <li>Children: All</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talk and Work It Out</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: None</li> <li>Children: None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be Kind and Polite</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: None</li> <li>Children: None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little Quack's New Friend</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: None</li> <li>Children: None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharing</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: None</li> <li>Children: None</li> </ul>
Outdoor Experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice friendship skills</li> <li>Description: sharing, taking turns, using manners</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: 2c , 2d , 3a , 4 , 5 , 6</li> <li>Children: All</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice friendship skills</li> <li>Description: sharing, taking turns, using manners</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: None</li> <li>Children: All</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice friendship skills</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: None</li> <li>Children: None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice friendship skills</li> <li>Description: sharing, taking turns, using manners</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: None</li> <li>Children: All</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice friendship skills</li> <li>Description: sharing, taking turns, using manners</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: None</li> <li>Children: All</li> </ul>
Special Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature Walk/ Racquet Ball</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: None</li> <li>Children: None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature Walk/ Racquet Ball</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: None</li> <li>Children: None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dance with Ms. Leigh- Anne</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: 1b , 2a , 8b , 9a , 11a , 11b , 12a , 4 , 5 , 6</li> <li>Children: All</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music with Cowboy Jared</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: 2a , 2c , 8b , 4 , 5 , 6</li> <li>Children: All</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share Day</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>Objectives / Dimensions: None</li> <li>Children: None</li> </ul>
Materials					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>toys or games for children to share</li> </ul>

Family Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Families - We would love to have you come and read a book to the children! Tell us what friendship means to you!</li> </ul>
To-Do List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gather books from the child resource library on friendship and manners</li> </ul>

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# Teachers can ~ Find activities for lesson planning that support children's development

## My Turn, Your Turn

### Questions To Consider:

1. How is this child able to manage her feelings and take turns with the materials?
2. In what ways does she interact with another child using the same materials?
3. How does she follow your directions for taking turns?

### Why is this Important:

When children first enter school, they begin to learn that other children have needs and desires, too. Some children might need adult guidance as they try to understand the concepts of turn taking and sharing.

### Materials:

- toys or games for children to share

### What To Do:

1. Invite this child and another child to sit at a table where you have placed a marble run toy or some puzzles. Try to find a toy that motivates and interests this child. Give half of the materials (marbles, puzzle pieces) to her, and the other half to the other child. Let them take turns, and continue to remind them whose turn it is.
2. If this child steps out of turn, touch her arm gently and ask, *Do you remember whose turn it is?* Use words of encouragement and enthusiasm whenever she waits for her turn. *You are waiting very patiently for a turn to add a puzzle piece.* After a few activities that require turn-taking or sharing, she may begin to practice this on her own. Observe her progress and continue to encourage her efforts.
3. When you take the children outside, observe how this child takes turns in a different environment. You can reinforce the turn taking with swings, riding equipment, or sand toys. She might need reminders to wait for her turn. *In two minutes, it will be your turn on the bicycle.* If another child wants a turn, you might say, *Caroline would like a turn. Why don't you swing for two more minutes, and then it will be her turn.*

### Objectives / Dimensions:

- 1a. Manages feelings
- 1c. Takes care of own needs appropriately
- 2b. Responds to emotional cues
- 2c. Interacts with peers
- 3a. Balances needs and rights of self and others
- 3b. Solves social problems
- 6. Demonstrates gross-motor manipulative skills
- 8b. Follows directions
- S8b. Sigue instrucciones
- 11d. Shows curiosity and motivation
- 29. Demonstrates knowledge about self

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### Invite Families for Children in Preschool

Child:

Jane Doe ▼

Name of Family Member:

First Name

Last Name

E-mail Address:

Message:

Use English  Use Spanish

YOU ARE INVITED!

I invite you to participate in our program by communicating with us through *Teaching Strategies GOLD®* online.

The *Teaching Strategies GOLD®* family site makes it easy to communicate with you about your child's ongoing development and our classroom activities.

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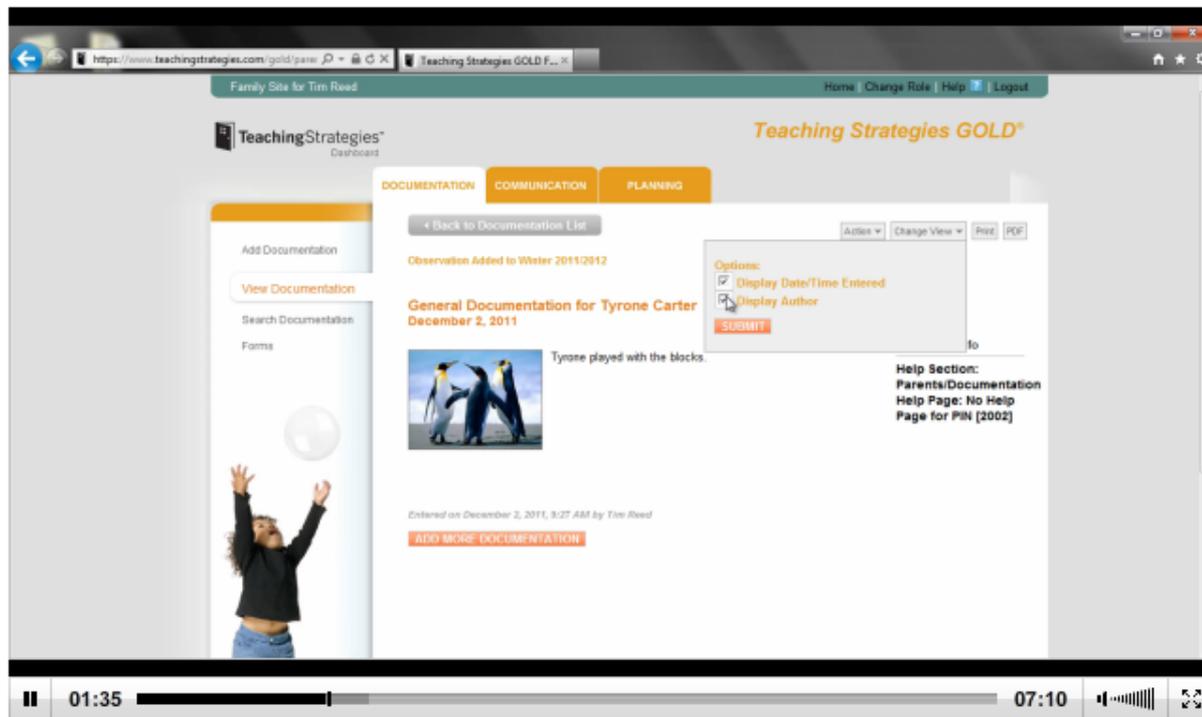
Introduction to *Teaching Strategies GOLD®*

# Families can - Access the 7 minute video tutorial on the Family Home Page under 'Watch & Learn: Family Site Basics'

## Help: Video Tutorial: Family Site Basics

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Click on the **Expand Screen** icon  in the lower right hand corner of the video player to view the video full screen.

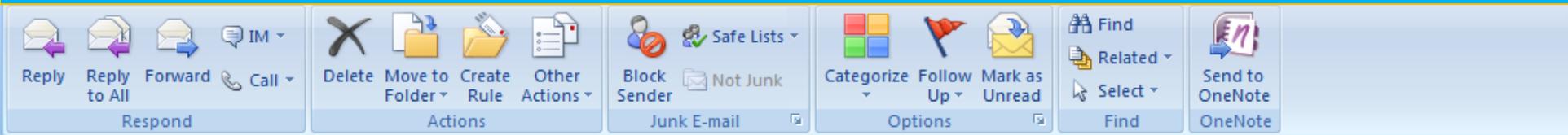


The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Teaching Strategies GOLD' dashboard. The page is titled 'Family Site for Tim Reed' and includes navigation links for 'Home', 'Change Role', 'Help', and 'Logout'. The main content area is divided into three tabs: 'DOCUMENTATION', 'COMMUNICATION', and 'PLANNING'. The 'DOCUMENTATION' tab is active, showing a list of documentation entries. One entry is highlighted: 'General Documentation for Tyrone Carter' dated December 2, 2011. Below the entry is a photo of penguins and the text 'Tyrone played with the blocks.' To the right of the entry is a form with the following options: 'Display Date/Time Entered' (checked) and 'Display Author' (checked). A 'SUBMIT' button is visible below the form. The video player at the bottom shows a progress bar at 01:35 of a 07:10 video.

### Related Articles:

- GOLD Family Flyer
- Family Quick Start Guide

# Families can ~View observations and samples of your child's work



From: notifications@teachingstrategies.com on behalf of [redacted]  
To: [redacted]  
Cc:  
Subject: Teaching Strategies GOLD Message Notification

Sent: Wed 9/24/2014 12:01 PM

Dear [redacted],

[redacted] has posted a message regarding Jane Doe. To read the message, go to:

<https://gold.teachingstrategies.com/GOLD/parents/msgView.cfm?id=2623796>

You must first log on to Teaching Strategies GOLD with your username and password to access this area of the site.

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## General Documentation for Jane Doe

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is John."

After talking about families during circle time, Jane wanted to draw a picture of her family. When she was done drawing, she told her classmate, "Me and mommy and sister are wearing pink. Daddy and brother are wearing black. We have happy faces." Her classmate asked her, "What is your sisters name?" Jane replied, "Hannah. And brother's name

### Support

Video Tutorial: Family Site Basics

### Resources

Family Quick Start Guide

### Related Messages

- Shared Documentation for 9/17/14 (added 09/24/2014)

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- 9b. Speaks clearly [i](#)
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- 33. Explores the visual arts [i](#)

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Reply Reply to All Forward Call  
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Delete Move to Folder Create Rule Other Actions  
 Actions

Block Sender Not Junk  
 Junk E-mail

Categorize Follow Up Mark as Unread  
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Find Related Select Find  
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Send to OneNote  
 OneNote

Extra line breaks in this message were removed.

From: implementation@teachingstrategies.com Sent: Wed 9/24/2014 11:45 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc:

Subject: Welcome to Teaching Strategies GOLD!

This is to confirm your registration on Teaching Strategies GOLD. You will now be able to log on and gain access to the many features of Teaching Strategies GOLD.

WHAT YOU CAN DO ON TEACHING STRATEGIES GOLD As soon as you log in with your username and password, you can:

- \* Receive messages and images from your child's teacher and respond through the online journal.
- \* Complete a developmental survey to assess your child's progress at home and view development reports.
- \* Browse hundreds of activities written specifically for parents to use at home.
- \* Learn more about parenting, early childhood practice, and preschool development through the extensive resource list.

QUESTIONS?  
Please contact [REDACTED] or an administrator at your child's school if you have any questions or concerns.

If you ever need help or do not remember your username and password, please e-mail us at [Teaching.Strategies@aqinc.com](mailto:Teaching.Strategies@aqinc.com) with your full name.

Thank you.



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Volume 1

<i>California Preschool Learning Foundations, Volume 1</i>	<i>How The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool meets California Preschool Learning Foundations, Volume 1</i>
<b>Social-Emotional Development</b>	
<b>Around 48 months of age</b>	
<b>Self</b>	
<b>1.0. Self-Awareness</b>	
1.1. Describe their physical characteristics, behavior, and abilities positively.	Demonstrates knowledge about self
<b>2.0. Self-Regulation</b>	
2.1. Need adult guidance in managing their attention, feelings, and impulses and show some effort at self-control.	Regulates own emotions and behaviors Manages feelings Is able to look at a situation differently or delay gratification  Regulates own emotions and behaviors Follows limits and expectations Accepts redirection from adults
<b>3.0. Social and Emotional Understanding</b>	
3.1. Seek to understand people's feelings and behavior, notice diversity in human characteristics, and are interested in how people are similar and different.	Establishes and sustains positive relationships Responds to emotional cues Demonstrates concern about the feelings of others  Shows basic understanding of people and how they live
<b>4.0. Empathy and Caring</b>	
4.1. Demonstrate concern for the needs of others and people in distress.	Establishes and sustains positive relationships Responds to emotional cues Demonstrates concern about the feelings of others

## Resources

➤ Website

[www.teachingstrategies.com](http://www.teachingstrategies.com)

➤ Email problems/questions/suggestions

[implementation@strategies.com](mailto:implementation@strategies.com)

➤ The Creative Curriculum - 'Letters to Families' on how children are learning through play in each preschool interest area

<http://www.trumbullesc.org/Downloads/CreativeCurriculum4-Letters-English.pdf>

➤ Alignment of The Creative Curriculum for Preschool with California Preschool Learning Foundations

<http://teachingstrategies.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/CA-CC-Alignment-PS-Vol-1-2014.pdf>

<http://teachingstrategies.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/CA-CC-Alignment-PS-Vol-2-2014.pdf>

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## Questions and Discussion