Oneness-Family School - Toddler through Kindergarten - Academic Benchmarks Overview Academy: Language

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| Toddler | Pre-School | Pre-Kindergarten | Kindergarten |
| Language Development <br> Knows 250-300 words <br> Builds vocabulary through spoken language <br> Begins to recognize own limits <br> Speaks in sentences of five or more words <br> Participates in song singing <br> Sits and listens attentively during circle time <br> Matches letter symbols and objects <br> Identifies some letters of the alphabet <br> Practices letter sounds | Language Development <br> Identifies some or all of the following sets of sounds and symbols: <br> - a, m, s, t, and p <br> - e, b, g, l, and v <br> - i, c, f, h, and r <br> - o, d, k, j, and n <br> - u, q, w, x, y, and <br> z <br> Rhymes words <br> Makes and recognizes patterns <br> Understands opposite words (up/down, above/below, long/short, etc.) | Language Development <br> Identifies all of the following sets of sounds and symbols: <br> - a, m, s, t, and p <br> - e, b, g, l, and v <br> - i, c, f, h, and r <br> - o, d, k, j, and n <br> - u, q, w, x, y, and z <br> Uses letter sounds in activities like "tongue twisters" <br> Demonstrates knowledge of most letter sounds of the alphabet <br> Identifies initial and middle sounds in spoken and written words Practices creative writing and storytelling | Language Development <br> Builds vocabulary through spoken language |


| Introduced to tracing sandpaper letters <br> Assembles simple puzzles of up to 25 pieces <br> Completes letter puzzle <br> Completes "Three Period Lesson" <br> Makes choices between two things <br> Begins to recognize cause-and-effect relationships <br> Recognizes body part | Builds three-letter words and/or own name <br> Sequences letter A through Z | Identifies phonetic words using matching pictures |  |
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| Reading Comprehension <br> No formal requirements | Reading <br> Comprehension <br> No formal requirements | Reading Comprehension <br> Reads three-to four- letter words | Reading Comprehension <br> Reads short words and phrases phonetically <br> Reads sight words |
| Composition <br> No formal requirements | Composition <br> No formal requirements | Composition <br> Builds or writes three-to-four letter words <br> Builds simple sentences composed of three-letter words | Composition <br> Builds or writes three- to four-letter words <br> Composes sentences focused on letter sounds |


|  |  |  | Phonetically isolates vowel <br> sounds and notices blends <br> if present |
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| Pre-Handwriting |  |  | Uses a pencil with the <br> proper pincer grasp <br> Shows refinement of <br> penmanship |
| No formal requirements |  | Bandds and writes own <br> sentences and small <br> stories with support |  |
| Learns how to hold a |  |  |  |
| writing/ coloring |  |  |  |
| material properly | Learns to trace and write letters <br> accurately <br> Uses a pencil with the proper pincer <br> grasp <br> Writes own name <br> Shows refinement of penmanship | Handwriting <br> Composes sentences <br> focused on letter sounds <br> Builds and writes three- to <br> four-letter words <br> phonetically |  |
| Uses a pencil with the |  |  |  |
| proper pincer grasp |  |  |  |
| Shows refinement of |  |  |  |
| penmanship |  |  |  |


| Grammar <br> No formal requirements | Grammar <br> No formal requirements | Grammar <br> Introduced to parts of speech: <br> - Articles <br> - Nouns <br> - Verbs <br> - Adjectives <br> - Adverbs | Grammar <br> Introduced through games and play <br> Has awareness of categories of words: <br> - Articles <br> - Nouns <br> - Verbs <br> - Adjectives <br> - Adverbs <br> Reads \& forms simple sentences <br> Understands formation of plural words |
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| Spelling <br> No formal requirements | Spelling <br> No formal requirements | Spelling <br> Builds and writes three-to-four-letter words phonetically | Spelling <br> Builds and writes three- to four-letter words phonetically <br> Isolates vowel sounds and notices blends if present |

