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Curriculum Chronicle – Pre-K

April

Dear Families,

Where have we been? Where are we now? Where are we going? This is a good time to reflect on the school year with children. Looking back, children can think about how much they have grown and changed since they were babies. They can share their memories about all of their school experiences and tell about what they've learned.

This is also an opportunity to look ahead. Most children will be going to kindergarten and some will be participating in a second year of prekindergarten. All children should feel a sense of accomplishment and confidence in the knowledge that they are prepared for school next year and for many years after. The first steps toward college and careers started in your classroom!

But we don't want to rush our little learners through childhood. A Big Idea for this theme is "Look what I can do now." You will be assessing each child's growth socially, academically, and physically. You will use the assessments, other indicators, and observations to communicate with families about their children's progress. One of the areas you will observe is persistence, the social-emotional focus for this theme and a critical life skill for today and for tomorrow. You and your children will take note that sticking with a task or trying a new approach can lead to successful results.

Knowledge Focus: Children reflect on all the ways they have grown and changed during the year.

Going New Places- Week 1

Big Idea: I am ready to go to new places.
Concepts: Life in the United States and around the world, multiculturalism, travel, languages, maps and globes.
Theme Vocabulary: travel trip visit

Trying New Things - Week 2

Big Idea: I feel comfortable trying new things.
Concepts: Trying new things, asking for help, personal strengths and talents
Theme Vocabulary: challenge, encourage, try

I Can Do It! -Week 3

Big Idea: I always try my best.
Concepts: Persistence, accomplishments, problem solving, self-confidence.
Theme Vocabulary: finish, goal, quit

We're Big Now – *Week 4*

Big Idea: Look at what I can do now.
Concepts: New skills, more responsibilities, growing and changing, going to kindergarten.
Theme Vocabulary: kindergarten, practice, proud, succeed, success

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