



Understanding
Ourselves

Early Childhood A Joyful Life



Achieving Our Goals in Life

This SuperUnit is a structured inquiry into helping the learner understand themselves. Learners will establish and achieve personal goals in their life. Learners will be empowered to independently give direction to their life. Learners will develop their ability to do reflective thinking.



Highlights of Learning Experiences

Super Unit Launch: Parent interviews and student staggered start. Getting to know your teachers and your classroom.

Guest Speakers: Dan Keller, ES Principal, will share what brings him joy. Jacob Humes, ES Psychologist, will share healthy ways to express emotion.

Projects: Students will be creating many examples of learning to share with parents about what brings them joy.

Core Values

Academic Excellence: Collaboration

Sense of Self: Sense of Community

Respect for All: Respect

Balance in Life: Wellness

SuperUnit Celebration: Teachers will invite parents into 'play' with their children. Students will share their special places, likes, dislikes, interests, and learning environment.



Focus on Learning by Area

Physical Development and Motor skills

- Practice healthy and safe habits
- Participate in activities related to nutrition

Social and Emotional Development

- Develop self-awareness
- Engage in self-expression

Approaches to Play and Learning

- Demonstrate interest and curiosity

Communication, Language and Literacy

- Listen to conversations for a variety of purposes and demonstrate comprehension
- Acquire vocabulary introduced in conversations, activities, stories and/or books.
- Use non-verbal communication for a variety of purposes.

Cognitive Development and General Knowledge

- Organize, represent, and build knowledge of quantity and number
- Manipulate, compare, and describe relationships using quantity and number
- Explore, recognize, and describe shapes and shape concepts
- Demonstrate scientific inquiry skills
- Demonstrate understanding of his/her family and an emerging awareness of their own culture and ethnicity
- Create, observe, and analyze visual art forms to develop artistic expression

help us learn.



Questions to Ask your Child

1. What makes you happy?
2. Tell me about your friends.
3. What do you and your friends do when you are playing outside?
4. What's hard for you at school?
5. How do you help in your classroom?



Home Learning

1. Encourage your child to play outside.
2. Encourage your child to become a risk-taker.
3. Discuss your own personal interests with your child, and how you interact with your community.
4. Tell your child about your day.



Suggested Home Extensions

1. Encourage family activities and community building exercises with your child. For example have them plan a party, cook with you, or have a family movie night.
2. Encourage family time outdoors. For example, a ropes course, splash pad, park play or library.



Key Vocabulary

friendships
joy
community
feelings

angry
family
happy
sad

sharing
sleepy
excited
hungry



SuperUnit Launch:
SSIS Early Childhood Classrooms
August 9th, 2017

Guest Speaker: Dan Keller- What Brings
Me Joy?

Guest Speaker: Jacob Humes -
Friendship and Emotions

SuperUnit Celebration: Week of October 2nd, 2017



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