

## Simple, everyday activities to help develop your child's foundational learning skills

### STANDARD: Takes Initiative

- ☐ **VOICE A CHOICE** Taking initiative is when your child makes choices independently about what to do. When taking initiative, your child will interact with others and begin new activities without being asked. Help by encouraging your child to invite someone to play.

### STANDARD: Shows Curiosity

- ☐ **GIVE CHOICES** Your child shows curiosity when exploring, asking questions, and wondering about new things. Help by giving your child choices, such as what to wear, read, and play.

### STANDARD: Uses Imagination

- ☐ **SHOW CREATIVITY** Provide a variety of everyday materials for art projects (string, dry pasta, clean eggshells). Let your child use dress-up clothes and household props for dramatic play.

### STANDARD: Pays Attention

- ☐ **COMPLIMENT EFFORT** Help develop focus and concentration by complimenting effort and patience. Instead of saying, "You're so smart," say, "That was a hard puzzle. You worked hard and you did it all by yourself!"

### STANDARD: Shows Persistence

- ☐ **PERSIST WHEN IT'S TOUGH** Your child shows persistence by continuing with an activity even when it becomes challenging. Use positive language to encourage persistence. "That's a hard box to open, but I bet you can do it if you keep trying!"

### STANDARD: Solves Problems and Shows Flexibility

- ☐ **FIND SOLUTIONS** Encourage problem-solving, in which your child uses their ideas and knowledge to figure out solutions. Ask: "What could you do to fix this?" Your child might find tape to fix a ripped page in a book or decide to take turns to share a toy.