

Kiddie Academy® Life Essentials® 6 Weeks – 36 Months Curriculum Exceeds Maryland State Standards

APPROACHES TO LEARNING	MD	Life Essentials®
INITIATIVE AND CURIOSITY		
Demonstrates initiative and curiosity in the world around them	✓	✓
ATTENTIVENESS		
Demonstrates the ability to focus on a task	✓	✓
PERSISTENCE		
Demonstrates persistence to complete a task	✓	✓
PROBLEM SOLVING		
Applies strategies to solve problems	✓	✓
CREATIVITY AND INVENTIVENESS		
Demonstrates creativity and imagination	✓	✓
COOPERATION		
Demonstrates cooperative behaviors in stages of play	✓	✓
MEMORY		
Responds to familiar and unfamiliar people, objects, and events	✓	✓
Uses memories and prior knowledge to build new knowledge	✓	✓

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT	MD	Life Essentials®
SELF-CONCEPT		
Develops self-awareness	✓	✓
SELF-REGULATION		
Demonstrates self-control	✓	✓
SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS		
Develops appropriate social skills to establish and maintain positive relationships	✓	✓
EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH		
Demonstrates positive behaviors and engages in self-expression	✓	✓

MATHEMATICAL THINKING	MD	Life Essentials®
NUMBERS AND OPERATIONS		
Develops understanding of numbers and quantities	✓	✓
COUNTING AND CARDINALITY		
Demonstrates beginning ability to count in order to compare and contrast quantities	✓	✓
Uses mathematical thinking to solve problems	✓	✓
GEOMETRY		
Demonstrates beginning understanding of spatial awareness	✓	✓
Explores and identifies basic shapes	✓	✓
MEASUREMENT AND DATA		
Explores and communicates basic measurement attributes	✓	✓
Demonstrates and increased ability to compare, sort, classify, and create patterns	✓	✓

LANGUAGE AND LITERACY	MD	Life Essentials®
ALPHABET AND WORD KNOWLEDGE		
Demonstrates emerging knowledge of the alphabet and environmental print	✓	✓
PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS		
Demonstrates an early awareness of spoken words and sounds	✓	✓
EMERGENT WRITING		
Demonstrates pre-writing skills	✓	✓
CONCEPTS OF PRINT		
Demonstrates book knowledge and awareness of print	✓	✓
COMPREHENSION		
Attends to and comprehends meaning from stories and informational text read aloud	✓	✓
VOCABULARY		
Demonstrates understanding and responds to communication	✓	✓
RECEPTIVE LANGUAGE		
Responds to familiar and unfamiliar people, objects, and events	✓	✓
EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE		
Communicates needs and wants using verbal and non-verbal cues	✓	✓

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH	MD	Life Essentials®
FUNDAMENTALS OF HEALTH AND SELF CARE		
Demonstrates increased understanding of healthy and self-care practices	✓	✓
BODY AWARENESS		
Demonstrates awareness of body		✓
Identifies basic body parts		✓
SAFE PRACTICES		
Develops and demonstrates awareness of basic safety routines	✓	✓
FINE MOTOR SKILLS		
Demonstrates hand-eye coordination	✓	✓
Demonstrates strength, coordination, and small muscle control	✓	✓
GROSS MOTOR SKILLS		
Develops large muscle control for movement and exploration	✓	✓
Demonstrates balance, strength, and coordination	✓	✓
NUTRITION		
Demonstrates increasing healthy eating habits		✓
SLEEP HABITS		
Develops healthy sleeping habits		✓
PHYSICAL PLAY		
Engages in active play	✓	✓

CREATIVE EXPRESSION	MD	Life Essentials®
MUSIC AND MOVEMENT		
Engages in musical experiences	✓	✓
DRAMATIC PLAY		
Uses pretend play to demonstrate self-expression and creativity	✓	✓
VISUAL ARTS		
Explores a variety of materials to express self through art	✓	✓

SOCIAL STUDIES	MD	Life Essentials®
SELF, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY		
Demonstrates and increased understanding of relationships and roles within their family, community, and themselves as members of a group	✓	✓
Demonstrates understanding of acceptable behaviors	✓	✓
HISTORY		
Demonstrates an awareness of time and events	✓	✓
GEOGRAPHY		
Demonstrates awareness of physical features in his/her environment		✓
ECONOMICS AND RESOURCES		
Demonstrates an awareness of community workers		✓
Demonstrates an awareness of economics and the ability to make choices		✓

SCIENTIFIC THINKING	MD	Life Essentials®
LIFE SCIENCE		
Demonstrates an increased understanding of the basic characteristics of living things		✓
EARTH SCIENCE		
Demonstrates awareness and understanding related to the properties of Earth and Space		✓
PHYSICAL SCIENCE		
Uses senses to gain information through observation and exploration	✓	✓
Demonstrates an increased understanding of changes in matter		✓
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE		
Demonstrates an increased understanding of living and non-living things in their environment		✓
THINKING AND REASONING		
Uses their senses and prior knowledge to construct new knowledge	✓	✓
EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY		
Uses thinking and planning to cause desired effect	✓	✓

The Kiddie Academy infant and toddler curriculum standards exceed those required by your state, and are the most comprehensive compared to many other states across the United States.