

Units of Study
Four-year-olds
Wee Learn Curriculum

- Starting to School
- Learning About Me
- Favorite Things
- My Family
- Enjoying Pets
- Discovering Fall
- My Community
- Being Thankful
- Discovering Winter
- Sharing Christmas Joy
- Staying Healthy
- About Others
- Communicating
- Moving Around
- My Senses
- Experiencing Spring
- Farm Life
- Zoo Animals
- Caring For My World
- Outdoor Fun
- Learning About Water
- Day and Night
- Buildings and Machines
- Signs and Symbols

Along with the WEE Learn Curriculum, we use the ABEKA curriculum for letters and math. In addition to the above listed units of study, we will be working with the children on the following skills:

Cognitive:

1. Know parts of the body. Identify by pointing to or matching all major visible parts of the body.
2. Counts to four. Counts 4 objects and knows what he/she is doing. Does not do it by rote memory.

3. Draws a square. Can draw a square design (angle corners and about equal sides) with crayons, pencil, or pen on paper or suitable surface. Design may be drawn with or without a copy or as part of another drawing.
4. Uses connected sentences. Tells experiences or simple events in sequence (beginning, middle, end). Uses sentence combinations.
5. Draws (1). Draws human figures with head, body, arms, and legs.
6. Names correctly three of four: penny, nickel, dime, or quarter, and does not confuse them.
7. Recites. Reproduces short verses, rhymes, little songs from memory, or makes them up.
8. Speaks clearly. Speaks clearly enough for a stranger to understand him.
9. Knows age. Tells age to last, or nearest birthday in whole years. Must be more than rote memory. Ask, "How old were you last year?"
10. Names colors. Tells and selects names of primary colors (red, yellow, blue) when pointing out an object.
11. Draws triangle. Same expectation as with a square except for the difference in design.
12. Knows address. Can give address (street and number) correctly.
13. Knows simple, relative concepts. Can relate concept of weight (heavy and light).
14. Understands concepts of temperature (hot and cold).
15. Understands concepts of size (large and small).
16. Understands concept of distance (far and near).
17. Uses prepositions correctly. Knows the meaning of prepositions such as up and down, in and out, over and under.
18. Prints. Prints first name when requested or for self-satisfaction.
19. Knows seasons of the year and how they are related to events (School starts in the fall. Christmas comes in winter.)
20. Draws (2). Draws human figure with head, body, arms, and legs. Indicates hands and feet, and symbols for eyes and mouth.

Social and Emotional

21. Tells name (self-esteem). Identifies self by first and last name. Gives both names when requested.
22. Is secure. Able to separate from mother without crying.
23. Relates positively to adults. Asks for help. Asks for approval but is not overly dependent.
24. Relates positively to children. Seeks a child to play with, or responds to overture from another child.
25. Plays cooperatively. Plays in groups (two, three, or more children). Observes rules in a game or in competition.
26. Shares. Shares toys and materials with other children usually.
27. Takes turns. Asks for a turn; awaits his/her turn without too much impatience.

28. Identifies others. Knows the name of and calls by name two adults on staff or two other children.
29. Helps. Helps or offers to do something (Such as helping to set places at lunch or helping to clean up.)
30. Sings. Joins in song or group games with others – children’s songs, action songs; memorizes words and melodies; shares in events when singing is desired.
31. Persists on problem-solving games (such as matching games, puzzles) and/or can sit at a chosen task until completed (or at least 15 minutes).
32. Pride. Shows pride in accomplishing or in products he creates (such as painting, block building, sandcastle making).
33. Protects self. Stands up for own rights; does not permit other children to take advantage.
34. Amuses self. Makes purposeful use of equipment or activity during free play time.
35. Pays attention. Can sit through a complete story selected for the age group. Listens to a story that the teacher is reading and looks at pictures to follow the story.

Motor Skills

36. Climbs. Can climb equipment provided for that purpose.
37. Catches. Catches a 12-inch ball or beach ball when thrown to him/her.
38. Hops on one foot for at least 4 steps.
39. Skips. Hops on one foot, then the other, in continuous movement from place to place.
40. Strings or threads. Can thread beads or spools on string.
41. Uses scissors. Understands use of scissors and can cut a piece of paper.
42. Hammers. Can hammer nails into a board until they are secure.

Hygiene and Self-Help

43. Dresses self. Unfastens and removes and/or replaces and fastens most of his own clothes without help or undue delay. Fastens large buttons.
44. Can use spoon effectively.
45. Can use fork effectively.
46. Toilets self. Cares for ordinary toilet needs without undue assistance. Manages clothing, cleansing (papering), and bathroom facilities acceptable according to conventional routine.
47. Washes hands and face. Wipes water on face, and uses soap on hands and rinses hands.
48. Handles toothbrush effectively when given instruction.
49. Samples food. Will try new foods when served.
50. Fastens, buckles, and zips with only minor help.

Spiritual

51. Recognizes that God and Jesus love people and care for them.
52. Recognizes that God hears people when they pray.
53. Understands that God makes people and all things in the natural world.
54. Understands that God and Jesus can do things people cannot do.
55. Understands that God is close to us wherever we are.
56. Understands that Jesus helps people because He loves them.
57. Recognizes that the Bible helps people know how God wants them to live.
58. Recognizes that the Bible tells people how to show their love to God, Jesus, and other people.
59. Knows that at church people help him/her learn about God and Jesus.
60. Participates in church activities – singing, praying, telling Bible stories.