Grades K-4 21st Century Skills

	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4		
Communication &	Communication: Adds to a conversation about personal experience Uses listening and speaking strategies during discussions Asks and answers questions about information Recounts or describes key ideas or details from an event Collaboration: Works with other children to complete a task or project Works with others to create new games or activity rules Asks other children how to play a game, build something, etc.	Communication: Add to a conversation about personal experience when appropriate Use listening and speaking strategies during discussions Seek answers and pose new questions Use both verbal and nonverbal communication Collaboration: Listen to the ideas of a teammate Share ideas with a team to complete a task or project Ask opinions of teammates Open to new opinion from others Demonstrate compromise	Communication: Add to a conversation about prior knowledge when appropriate Use listening and speaking strategies during discussions Seek answers and pose new questions Use both verbal and nonverbal communication Collaboration: Value the viewpoints of others and open to new ideas Divide up work or project equally or fairly Used problem solving strategies to resolve disagreements Generate ideas and build upon other's ideas to develop a larger plan Actively check with others to understand how each member is progressing and how they may be of help	Communication: Articulate thoughts and ideas effectively using oral, written and nonverbal communication skills Use listening to gather knowledge and form opinions Communicate effectively in diverse environments Collaboration: Use feedback from others to improve work Develop ideas and create products as a team; tasks done separately are brought to the team for feedback Listen to the viewpoints of others and able to respectfully disagree Use time effectively and track progress towards goals and deadline Compare and contrast diverse ideas and	Communication: Articulate thoughts and ideas effectively using oral, written and nonverbal communication skills Listen effectively to decipher meaning, including knowledge, values, attitudes and intentions Use communication for a range of purposes (seek answers to questions & pose questions) Communicate effectively in diverse environments Collaboration: Demonstrate ability to work effectively and respectfully with diverse teams Exercise flexibility and willingness to be helpful in making necessary compromises to accomplish a common goal Assume shared responsibility for collaborative work, and value the individual		

				opinions; identify points of agreement and disagreement; Open and responsive to new ideas from multiple perspectives	contributions made by each team member Be open and responsive to new and diverse perspectives; incorporate group input and feedback into the work Ask question and paraphrase others' ideas			
Critical Thinking & Problem Solving	N=0-3 S=4-5 O= 6-7 □ Suggests ideas on how to change activity in the middle of play □ Demonstrates interest in new materials and experiences that are introduced and used during play activities □ Tries another way to do something when asked by a peer □ Tries and discovers more than one solution to a question, task, or problem □ Asks teacher for help when struggling with a new task □ Seeks out information on how to play a game in a new way N=0-3 S=4-6 O= 7-9 With adult support, plan own involvement in concrete, short-term play-and-learning activities Apply familiar behaviors in new situations Begin to make and follow multi-step plans for completing tasks. With adult Support, identify and try out different strategies to solve academic and social problems Use concrete methods to regulate own emotional response to frustrating learning situations With adult		□ Develop ways to remember information □ Make and follow multi-step plans for completing essential tasks □ Describe plan in advance, and what result the plan will lead to □ Modify plans on the basis of results □ Adapt problemsolving strategies to complete unfamiliar activities, or in new context □ Become increasingly able to regulate responses to frustration during challenging learning activities.	□ Individually and with classmates, think about and carries out longer term learning plans of greater complexity □ Develop written plans with strategies and expected results □ Make and follow sequential plans □ Evaluate original plan and makes changes as needed □ Is increasingly capable and reflective about how to anticipate and cope with frustration	N=0-3 S=4-6 O= 7-9 ☐ Effectively analyze and evaluate evidence, arguments, claims and beliefs ☐ Analyze and evaluate major alternative points of view ☐ Synthesize and make connections between information and arguments ☐ Interpret information and draw conclusions in order to develop and carry out a learning plan ☐ Reflect critically on learning experiences and processes and makes changes as needed ☐ Anticipate possible problems and plans solutions in advance ☐ Capable and reflective about how to			

Scoring	N=0-2 S=3-4 O= 5-6	support, able to return to learning activities after frustration or disappointment. N=0-2 S=3-4 O= 5-6	N=0-2 S=3-4 O= 5-6	N=0-1 S=2-3 O= 4-5	anticipate and cope with frustration N=0-3 S=4-5 O= 6-7
Flexibility & Adaptability	 □ Participates in class responsibilities □ Easily shifts from one task or event to another throughout the day □ Responds and appropriately asks questions for greater understanding □ Uses words rather than actions in difficult situations □ Switches to using another item if the one wanted is being used by another child 	□ Begins to be able to focus on tasks assigned by others □ Listens with attention for longer periods □ Accepts redirection when focus of attention is not appropriate to the situation □ Intentionally sets up own learning situation to avoid or minimize distraction □ Perseveres at academic tasks even when these present challenges □ Resists temptation abandon involvement in a group activity that does not interest him/her	□ Stays focused on tasks for longer periods of time □ Remembers and consistently applies directions □ Shifts focus of attention with minimal prompting from adults □ Perseveres at difficult academic tasks in class □ Shows pleasure at own ability to remain focused or to persevere when learning tasks are difficult □ Often demonstrates a self-image as a persistent effective learner	□ Works collaboratively with classmates exerting collective effort on learning activities □ Uses academic skills flexibly for multiple purposes □ Encourages other children to become engaged or stay focused on a learning activity that they are working on together □ Keeps focus on the topic being discussed with pertinent questions and responses	□ Adapt to varied roles, jobs responsibilities, schedules and contexts □ Be flexible in changing or difficult situations □ Incorporate feedback effectively □ Deal positively with praise, setbacks and criticism □ Consistently demonstrates selfimage as persistent, effective learner
Scoring	N=0-1 S=2-3 O= 4-5	N=0-2 S=3-4 O= 5-6	N=0-2 S=3-4 O= 5-6	N=0 S=1-2 O= 3-4	N=0-1 S=2-3 O= 4-5
Initiative & Self- Direction	 Accepts responsibility and follows through on tasks Describes steps to accomplish a desired goal 	☐ Independently tries a range of new experiences ☐ Asks varied questions showing curiosity about	 Asks more complex, questions such as "Why could that happen?" Adds new ideas to individual or group 	☐ Asks increasingly complex, higher order questions such as "What would happen if?" ☐ Independently	Set goals with tangible and intangible success criteria

	 Describes steps in sequence in order to complete a specific task or activity Explains how to fix something or describes steps when watching someone else complete a task Asks to play a game that the group hasn't played before Accepts and implements creative suggestions from others Makes plans in imaginary play Looks at a diagram that explains a task before starting 	new ideas and experiences Begins to bring concepts/ideas together from different areas of learning Demonstrate that he or she sees new connections across different materials and experiences	tasks/projects Evaluates which ideas may be best Selects from options given in assignments and activities to pursue own special interests	seeks out and explores new experiences in depth Shows enthusiasm for trying a range of new academic challenges Takes appropriate risks in order to gain skills in new learning areas Tries to solve problems during class activities without adult help Uses familiar materials, ideas, and language in new ways	□ Utilize time and manage workload efficiently □ Monitor, define, prioritize and complete tasks without direct oversight □ Go beyond basic mastery of skills and/or curriculum to explore and expand one's own learning and opportunities to gain expertise
Social Interactions	N=0-2 S=3-5 O=6-8 ☐ Recites the rules in school or at home ☐ Describes the consequence for a specific behavior ☐ Differentiates between preferences of other children ☐ Identifies behaviors that are sensitive to the needs of others ☐ Works, plays and shares with others	N=0 S=1-2 O= 3-4 Demonstrate responsibility for personal decisions and actions Identifies behaviors that are sensitive to the needs of others Uses materials appropriately and respectfully Shows empathy and caring for others	N=0 S=1-2 O= 3-4 Know when it is appropriate to listen and when to speak Appears comfortable and confident in self and abilities Respects others and the rights of others Follows classroom rules and routines Accepts responsibility for behavior and actions Sustains attention to work over a period of time	N=0-2 S=3-4 O=5-6 Conduct themselves in a respectable manner Know when it is appropriate to listen and when to speak Respond openmindedly to different ideas and values Makes independent choices of materials and activities	N=0 S=1-2 O= 3-4 ☐ Conduct themselves in a respectable manner ☐ Respect cultural differences and work effectively with people from a range of social and cultural backgrounds ☐ Respond openmindedly to different ideas and values ☐ Use interpersonal and problem-solving skills to influence and guide others toward a goal

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