Developmental Domain: ATL-REG — Approaches to Learning–Self-Regulation

ATL-REG 4: Curiosity and Initiative in Learning

Child explores the environment in increasingly focused ways to learn about people, things, materials, and events

Responding		Exploring		Building			Integrating
Earlier	Later	Earlier	Later	Earlier	Middle	Later	Earlier
Responds to people, things, or sounds	Notices new or unexpected characteristics or actions of people or things	Explores people or things in the immediate environment	Explores new ways to use familiar things, including simple trial and error	Explores through simple observations, or manipulations, or asking simple questions	Explores by engaging in specific observations, manipulations, or by asking specific questions	Carries out simple investigations using familiar strategies, tools, or sources of information	Carries out multi-step investigations, using a variety of strategies, tools, or sources of information
 Possible Examples — Orients toward a noise. Turns head toward a person who comes into view or begins talking. Looks at a mobile. 	 Vocalizes or gazes at a familiar adult who makes an animated facial expression or unusual noise. Smiles when an adult begins singing a song. Moves arms or legs when a mobile begins moving overhead. 	 Bangs a drum with hands repeatedly. Touches hair of another child. Pats, pulls on, or turns pages of a board book. Watches intently as an adult prepares snack. 	 Paints on paper and on arm when given a paintbrush and paint. Molds sand using a cup. Tries using utensils to work with play dough. 	 Moves around a fish bowl to continue watching a fish as it swims around objects. Drops a marble in a maze and follows its path as it rolls to the bottom. Asks, "What's that doing?" when seeing or hearing a bulldozer across the street while on a neighborhood walk. 	 Puts a dry sponge in water and then squeezes it to see what happens. Observes a snail and asks, "Why do snails have shells?" Compares color or shape of leaves gathered on a nature walk. 	 Uses a magnetic wand to figure out which objects on a table it will lift up. Uses a magnifying glass to observe a caterpillar closely, and describes its pattern of colors and number of legs. Places a variety of objects in water to see which will float and which will sink. Uses a communication device to learn about the new pet guinea pig. 	 Examines images from informational books or computer to learn abou the habitats of different animals. Looks through a prism held up to the light, directing its motion unt rainbow of colors appea on the wall. Sets up a project, with an adult, that involves investigating the growt of lima bean plants with different amounts of water, and documents their growth.

○ Child is emerging to the next developmental level

○ Unable to rate this measure due to extended absence





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