

AGES AND STAGES

When planning curriculum for children, it is important to develop activities and materials which are appropriate for the age and developmental level of the children. This is referred to as "developmentally appropriate curriculum". Developmentally appropriate curriculum provides for all areas of a child's development: physical, emotional, social, and cognitive. If the teacher understands the normal development of the children, then developmentally appropriate curriculum can be planned.

Have the students complete the charts listing the normal development for each of the age groups listed: INFANTS, TODDLERS, 2 YEAR-OLDS, 3 YEAR-OLDS, 4 YEAR-OLDS, 5 YEAR-OLDS, 6 YEAR-OLDS, 7 YEAR-OLDS, 8 YEAR-OLDS, and 9-11 YEAR-OLDS. Include suggestions for developmentally appropriate activities and materials.

As students complete this chart, they should keep in mind that all children develop differently and that these statements are generalizations. Each child's individual development must be taken into consideration and the teacher should be responsive to those differences.

AGE:

SOCIAL SKILLS:

EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:

FINE MOTOR:

GROSS MOTOR:

COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT:

SUGGESTIONS FOR AGE APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES AND MATERIALS: