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	 Infants	 Toddlers	 Preschool	 Pre-K	 School Age
 Bravo! SCIENCE	<p>Open-ended, hands-on, sensory play engages infants' natural curiosity about their surroundings. Multi-sensory experiences encourage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative expression and self-awareness • Fine and gross motor skill development • Language development 	<p>Toddlers learn with all 5 senses, so a rich 'sensory diet' is essential. Sensory Bins full of sand, water, soil, potpourri and more, provide opportunities for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperative play and problem solving • Imagination and investigation • Early math skills (pour, scoop, sift, measure) • Early science skills, like exploring the difference between liquids and solids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Science center, students learn about environmental awareness and caring for living things. Experiments provide opportunities for critical thinking, observation and documentation. • The Sensory bins provide opportunities to explore sand, water and thematic materials with all 5 senses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Science center, students learn about critical thinking, observation and investigation, as well as environmental awareness and caring for living things. • The Sensory bins provides opportunities to explore sand, water and thematic materials with all 5 senses. 	<p>Science experiments, sensory play and thematic projects provide opportunities for observation and investigation. Children learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cause and effect • Critical thinking, including prediction • Environmental awareness • Caring for living things • Observation and documentation
 Bravo! MATH	<p>Children are born mathematicians! Toys and interactions with caregivers can help enhance the early math concepts that develop during infancy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blocks and toys introduce colors, shapes, sizes and textures. • Dramatic play invites children to explore, compare and sort properties. 	<p>Puzzles and blocks, coupled with simple classroom routines (like setting out napkins for snack), introduce early Math concepts like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number recognition • Patterns • One-to-one correspondence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Math center, students use manipulatives and games to learn one-to-one correspondence, numeracy and shape recognition. • In the Fine Motor center, manipulatives help to build the muscles and coordination needed for writing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Math center, students are introduced to measurement, sequencing, sorting and patterns. They use manipulatives and games to practice one-to-one correspondence, numeracy and basic geometry. • In the Fine Motor center, manipulatives help to build the muscles and coordination needed for writing. 	<p>Board games, group activities, blocks and manipulatives are fun, interactive ways to practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic arithmetic skills • Basic math concepts, like numeracy and patterning • Problem solving and critical thinking
 Bravo! LANGUAGE ARTS	<p>Through songs, stories and caregiving routines, caregivers have opportunities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model language and introduce vocabulary. • Demonstrate the 'back and forth' of conversation. • Provide nurturing, appropriate responses to infants' cues. 	<p>During Circle Time and in Small Groups, toddlers enjoy songs, poems, games, and stories. These experiences are intended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote language and vocabulary development • Boost social skills, like cooperation and taking turns • Introduce thematic content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Reading center, students immerse themselves in language and vocabulary development. • In the Writing center, children experiment with the 60 stages of scribbling. • Introductory Spanish is incorporated in Circle Time games and songs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Reading and Writing centers, students are immersed in language and vocabulary development, as they experiment with writing and invented spelling. • The Handwriting Without Tears® program provides multisensory experiences to practice proper penmanship. • Introductory Spanish is incorporated in Circle Time games and songs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varied opportunities to read and write, such as journals, books, storytelling, dramatic play and games, promote age-appropriate language and literacy skills. • Age-appropriate Technology use provides opportunities to expand on emerging interests, practice academic skills and experiment with language.
 Bravo! CREATIVE ARTS	<p>Art and Music experiences enrich infants' development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painting, drawing and collage introduce children to colors, shapes, lines and textures. • Songs and melodies introduce rhythm, rhyme and melody, precursors to conversation! 	<p>Art, Music and Dramatic Play are fun, hands-on ways to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore colors, shapes and lines • Learn about rhythm, pitch and rhymes • Experiment with language and new vocabulary • Express creativity and individuality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Art and Music centers promote self awareness and individuality and help develop aesthetic appreciation. • The Dramatic Play center helps students practice leadership roles and develop a practical understanding of how reading and writing are used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Art and Music centers increase self awareness, promote creative expression and help develop aesthetic appreciation. • The Dramatic Play center helps students practice leadership roles and develop a practical understanding of how reading and writing are used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Art and Music centers increase self awareness, promote creative expression and help develop aesthetic appreciation. • The Dramatic Play center helps students practice leadership roles, problem-solving and critical thinking skills.
 Bravo! WELLNESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feeding, diapering and other caregiving routines provide natural opportunities to provide nurturing, appropriate responses to infants' cues. • Tummy time, stretch and reach games and floor time activities promote age-appropriate gross motor skills, like sitting up, crawling and walking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground play, parachute games and daily exercise routines make fitness fun. Daily indoor/outdoor play boosts balance and coordination and encourages positive feelings about physical activity. • Nutritious meals and pleasant mealtimes promote healthy habits! • Self-care routines, like feeding and toileting, promote independence and self awareness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily participation in Gross Motor activities improves coordination and promotes positive feelings about physical activity. • Enrichment programs like Doodle Dance & Fitness and Tae Kwon Do exercise our minds and bodies, making fitness fun! • Nutritious meals and pleasant mealtimes also promote healthy habits! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily participation in Gross Motor activities improves coordination and promotes positive feelings about physical activity. • Enrichment programs like Doodle Dance & Fitness and Tae Kwon Do exercise our minds and bodies, making fitness fun! • Nutritious meals and pleasant mealtimes also promote healthy habits! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily participation in Gross Motor activities improves coordination and promotes positive feelings about physical activity. • Organized games and sports exercise children's minds and bodies, making fitness fun! • Nutritious meals and pleasant mealtimes also promote healthy habits!