**Overarching Principles for Working with Children & Families on Early Learning Concepts**

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1. Attending to a child’s cues is **ALWAYS** important.

* + - * Build choice into the activity

2. Children progress through developmental milestones at their **OWN** rate.

3. We are helping parents to understand that learning before school can affect their life **SIGNIFICANTLY** later on in kindergarten and life.

4. Always start an activity with something **EASY** to encourage and support confidence and interest in the activity.

5. Reinforce repeating activities will help the child learn.

* + - Brainstorm with parents on how to do activities performed in the house on a regular basis.

6. **ALWAYS** provide positive feedback and guidance.

* + - Make it a point to tell a parent or child when they demonstrate positive behavior.

7. Aspects of other lessons can integrate into others. Don’t be afraid to tell a child how to hold a crayon when they are writing their name or coloring.

