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A Comprehensive Pre-K Curriculum

FEATURES AND BENEFITS:

Get Ready for K with Priority Skills

OWL 2011 develops in depth those skills that predict children's success in K and beyond for reading, math, and vocabulary. Within our Teacher's Guides and the Planning and Assessment Teacher's Guide, you will find clear benchmarks, progress monitoring and priority skills, and one week each quarter to assess and review. The Planning and Assessment Teacher's Guide provides the complete assessments in English and Spanish, as well as summaries of skills across the year.

Make Every Minute Count

OWL 2011 Teacher's Guides maximize instructional impact. Embedded purposes and professional development through a Words to the Wise feature help teachers understand the critical nature of every lesson and activity. OWL 2011 pays special attention to oral language development, with vocabulary instruction and opportunities for conversation built into all parts of the Pre-K day. Consistent instructional routines, clearly stated purposes, targeted transitions, conversation models, and purposeful play help you make every minute count.

Build Conceptual Knowledge and Develop Oral Language

In OWL 2011, every instructional experience will provide an opportunity to build language and concepts. Children will increase their oral vocabulary and deepen their understanding of concepts. They will build a foundation for comprehension and prepare for learning in the content areas. OWL 2011 provides this through unit and weekly essential questions that emphasize content area concepts, daily oral language lessons, rich literature, and vocabulary instruction emphasizing concept vocabulary, rare (Amazing) words, and academic words. Special attention is paid to language development and comprehension during Story Time, through an assortment of rich literature.

Differentiate Instruction for All Children, Including English Learners

OWL 2011 guides teachers in adapting instruction and activities to reach all children. The curriculum is adaptable to a variety of school structures and classroom situations. The innovative design of the program and instruction in the Teacher's Guides allows you to meet children where they are, with lesson modifications that allow children to participate in instruction at their own level. The daily Differentiation Dashboard includes point-of-use options to Make It Easier, Make It Harder, and support English Learners. Daily English Language Development lessons, connected to the unit theme and weekly instruction, provide additional support for English Learners.