### JUST A REMINDER – Please sign in classroom clipboard, help your child use the bathroom, wash their hands and let their teacher know they are ready to start their day.

### BLOCKS
(Opened-ended Exploration)
- Large and small wooden blocks. How are they the same, different and used together?

**Benchmark:** 6.C.ECb

### DRAMATIC PLAY
(Creative & Imaginative Play)
This is the area you will find:
- Puppets
- Shoes/Clothes
- Dolls/doll clothing

**Benchmark:** 31.A.Eb

### COGNITIVE & THINKING STRATEGIES
(Manipulatives, Puzzles, & Matching Games)
- Puzzles
  - Table top
  - Floor
  - Outdoor

**Benchmark:** 6.C.ECa

### ART
(Creative & Represent Ideas Visually)
Exploring painting
- Finger
- Watercolors
- Easel

**Benchmark:** 25.A.ECd

### LIBRARY & LITERACY ENRICHMENT
(Motivation and Skills Necessary to Read and Write)
Introduction to children’s journaling
- Where can I find my journal?
- What color is my journal?

**Benchmark:** .3.A.EC

### DISCOVERY
(Math and Science)
- Pattern Blocks
- Unifix Cubes
- Counting links

**Benchmark:** 6.A.ECb

### SAND/WATER
(Sensory Experiences)
Shaving cream
- Texture
- Scent

**Benchmark:** 11.A.ECa

### MUSIC/MOVEMENT
(Brain Development)
- Musical instruments
- Rhythm sticks

**Benchmark:** 26.A.ECc

### OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
(Enriched Curriculum and Support Development)
- Outdoor painting
- Music in the play yard

**Benchmark:** 26.B.EC

### TECHNOLOGY
(Tools, Machines, Materials, & Techniques)
- Introduction to the light table and listening center and how to use the equipment safely.

**Benchmark:** 13.B.ECb

### FAMILY INVOLVEMENT
(How can I help?)
Please make sure your child has an extra set of clothing at the center. In the event of a spill or accident we want to make sure your child is as comfortable as possible.

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