

PURPOSEFUL PLAY IN KINDERGARTEN

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STRATEGIES TO BUILD EXECUTIVE FUNCTION SKILLS

Message of the Day

- inhibitory control
- attention
- working memory
- literacy concepts

Linear Calendar

- working memory
- concepts of time
- math concepts

I Have, Who Has

- inhibitory control
- academic concepts
- taking turns
- following directions

Graphic Practice

- inhibitory control
- memory
- fine motor development
- following directions



VISUAL MEDIATORS

PREDICTABILITY



Daily schedule



Linear calendar



Line Order/Star of the Week



Message of the day

VISUAL MEDIATORS

Build independence

Facilitate routines

Provide consistency

Support effective executive skills development

Proactive behavior strategy

PURPOSEFUL PLAY

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning."

—Mr. Rogers

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

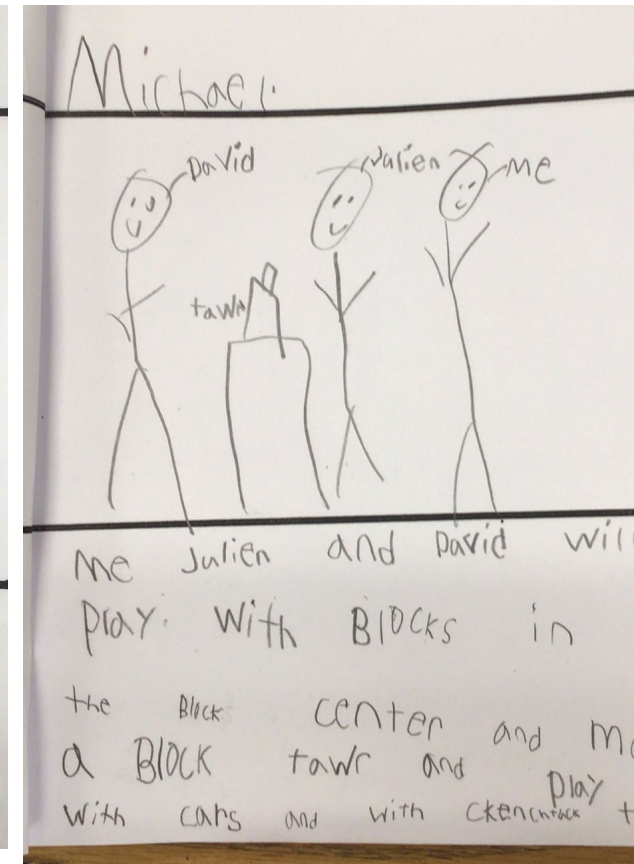
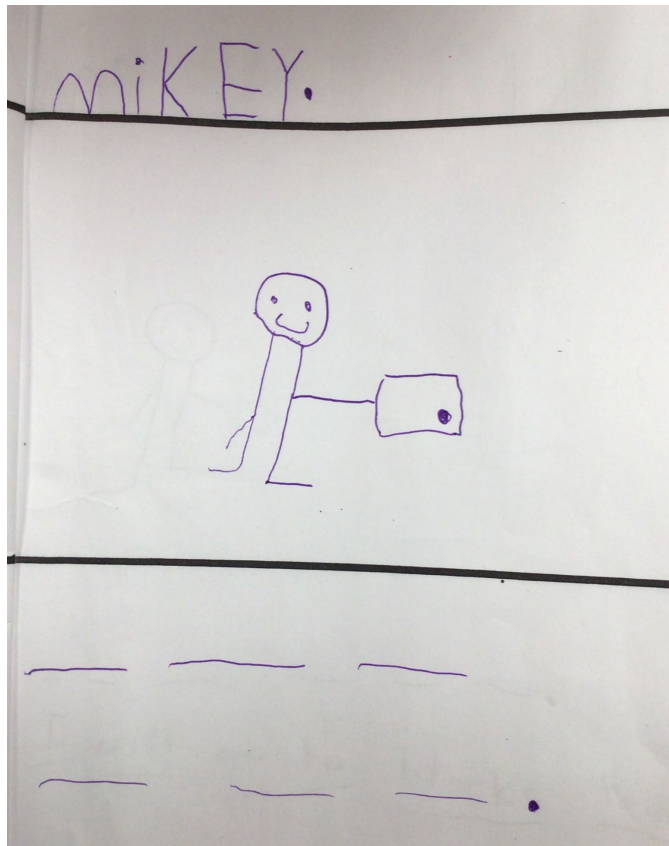


LEGO BUILDS

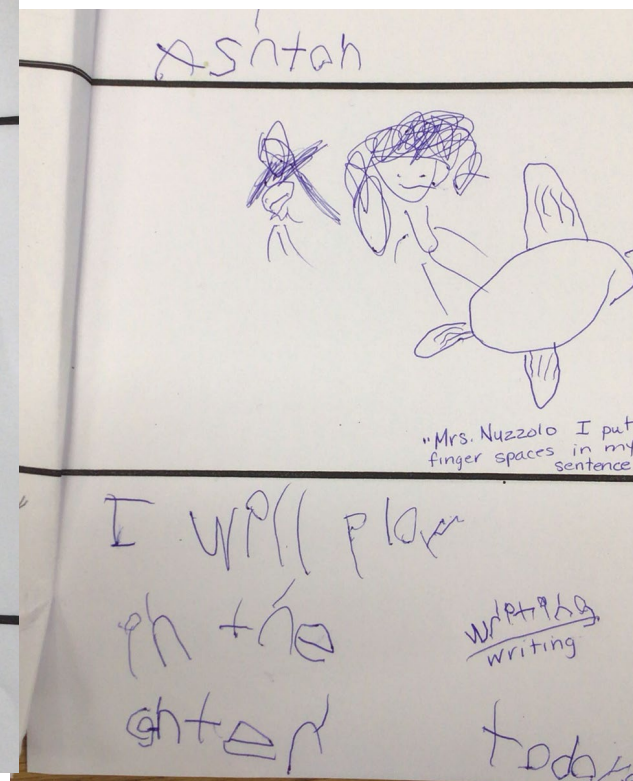
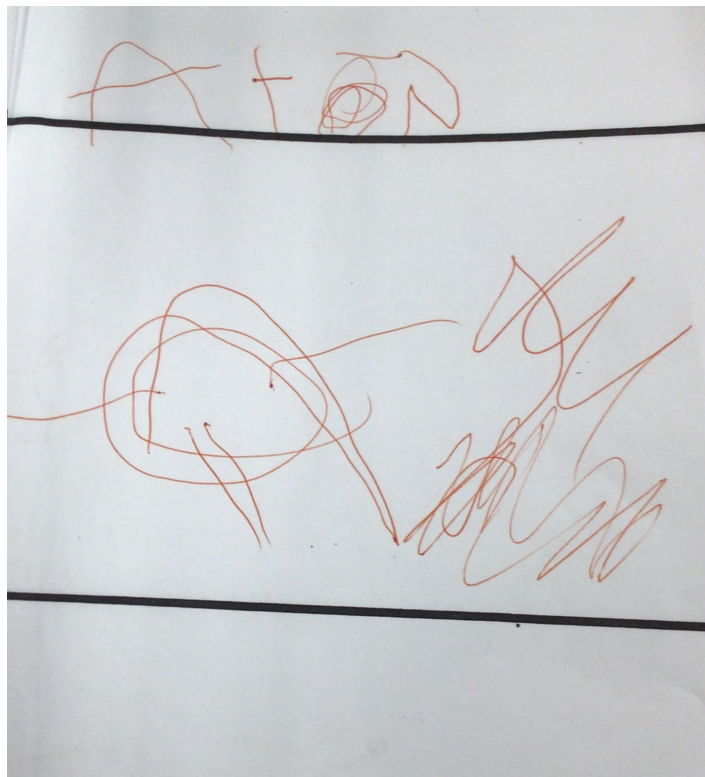




PLAY PLANS



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THE VET



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**AS BUILDING
PRINCIPAL...**

AS BUILDING PRINCIPAL:

Scheduling

**Community Building
(Arrival
/Breakfast/Morning
Meeting)**

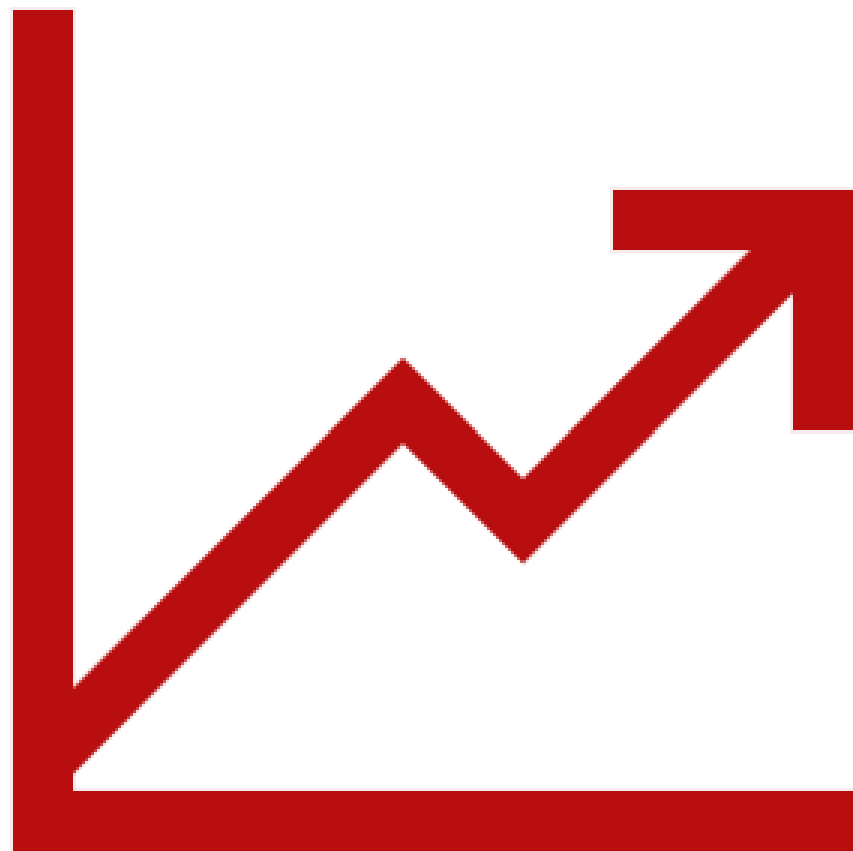
**No transition for first hour
of day**

**Doing what feels best for
kids**

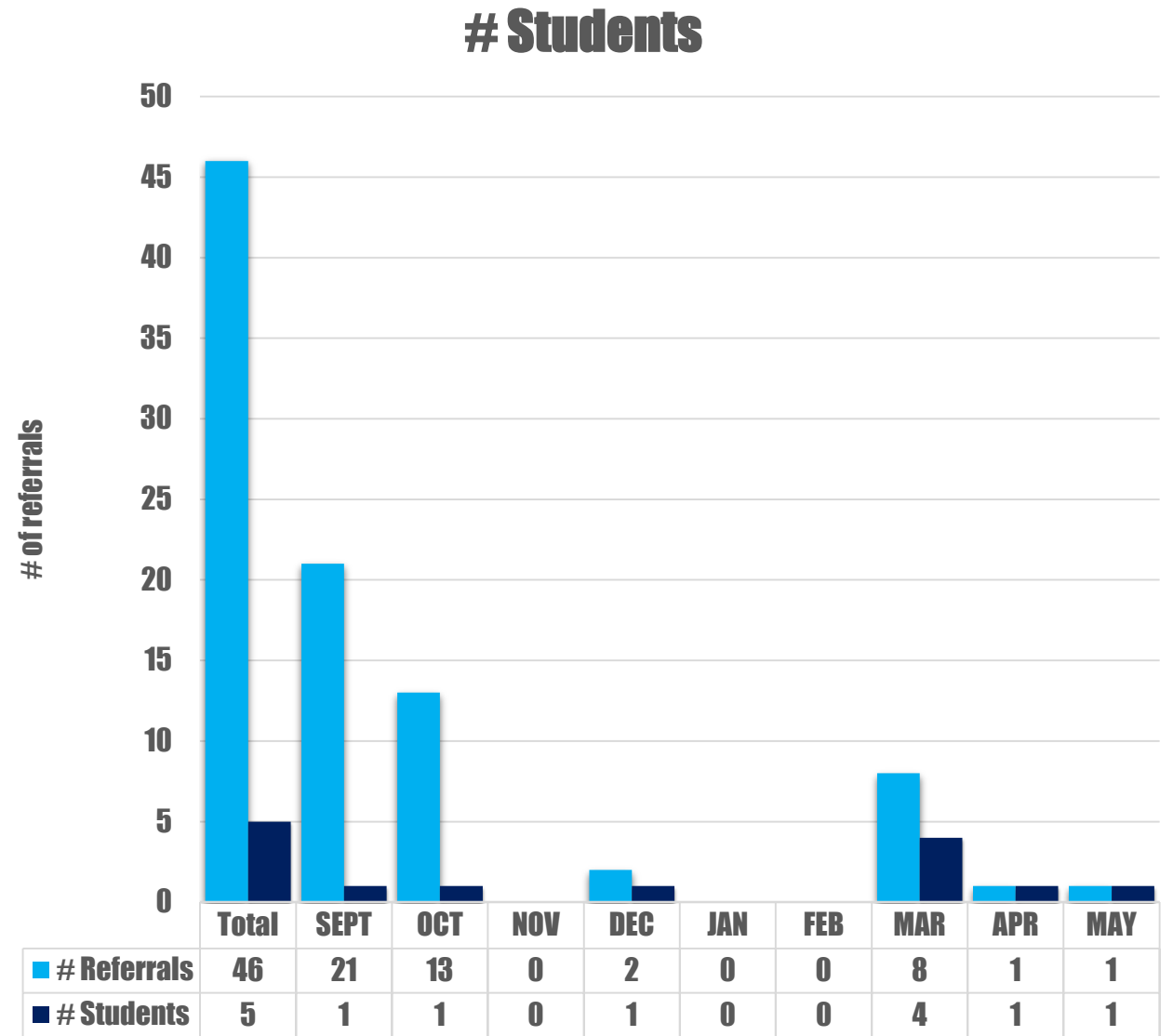
**Encourage proactive &
positive behavior
management**

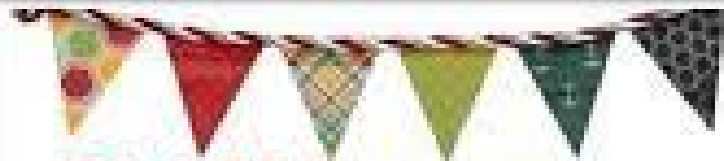
Be flexible with teachers

**WHAT
THE DATA
SHOWS...**

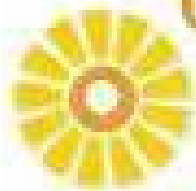


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PLAY TURNS
OUT TO BE SO
STUNNINGLY
ESSENTIAL TO
CHILDHOOD,
IT'S LIKE
LOVE,
SUNSHINE,
& BROCCOLI
ALL JUICED
TOGETHER.



Remember Lenore Skanazy