Common Core Standards and Early Childhood Education

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Early Learning Standards

- The first link in an aligned “P – 12” educational system
- Early childhood education works
- Preschool benefits tend to fade
- Need for sustained high-quality teaching practices across early childhood years (pre-k to 3rd)
CSS and Effective Teaching

Content Knowledge
- Math
- English Language Arts
- Science
- Social Studies
- Visual & Performing Arts
- Health & Physical Development

Human Development
- Individual learning profiles and needs
- Languages, culture, and family
- Social Emotional Learning Standards
- Friendships, cooperation, and community
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Pedagogy
• Time—allow time to investigate questions, concepts, and ideas
• Conversation—sustained engaging dialogues in learning experiences
• Reflection—revisit learning experiences for new insights, depth
• Monitor learning, not test it

Summary

• Develop and fine tune standards in all three components of effective teaching and learning
• Use standards to inform and support (not attack and dictate) powerful teaching and learning