

Introduction for Families

The Work Sampling System is designed to help teachers learn about your child's skills, behaviors, and academic achievements in school.

Work Sampling gives teachers the information they need to work effectively with your child, build your child's motivation and self-confidence, and report student progress to you. It is used with children from preschool through Grade 3.

The Work Sampling System focuses on seven areas of the curriculum:

- Personal and Social Development
- Language and Literacy (with performance indicators for English language learners)
- Mathematical Thinking
- Scientific Thinking
- Social Studies
- The Arts
- Physical Development, Health, and Safety

The Work Sampling System is composed of three interrelated parts:

Developmental Guidelines and Checklists — Lists of age- or grade-level expectations that are used for guiding teachers' observations about your child's achievements in school.

Summary Reports — A profile of your child's school performance based on the Checklist observations. It includes brief comments from the teacher about your child's progress, strengths, and areas of concern and is sent home three times per year. The Summary Report replaces report cards.

For further information about The Work Sampling System, please contact your child's teacher.