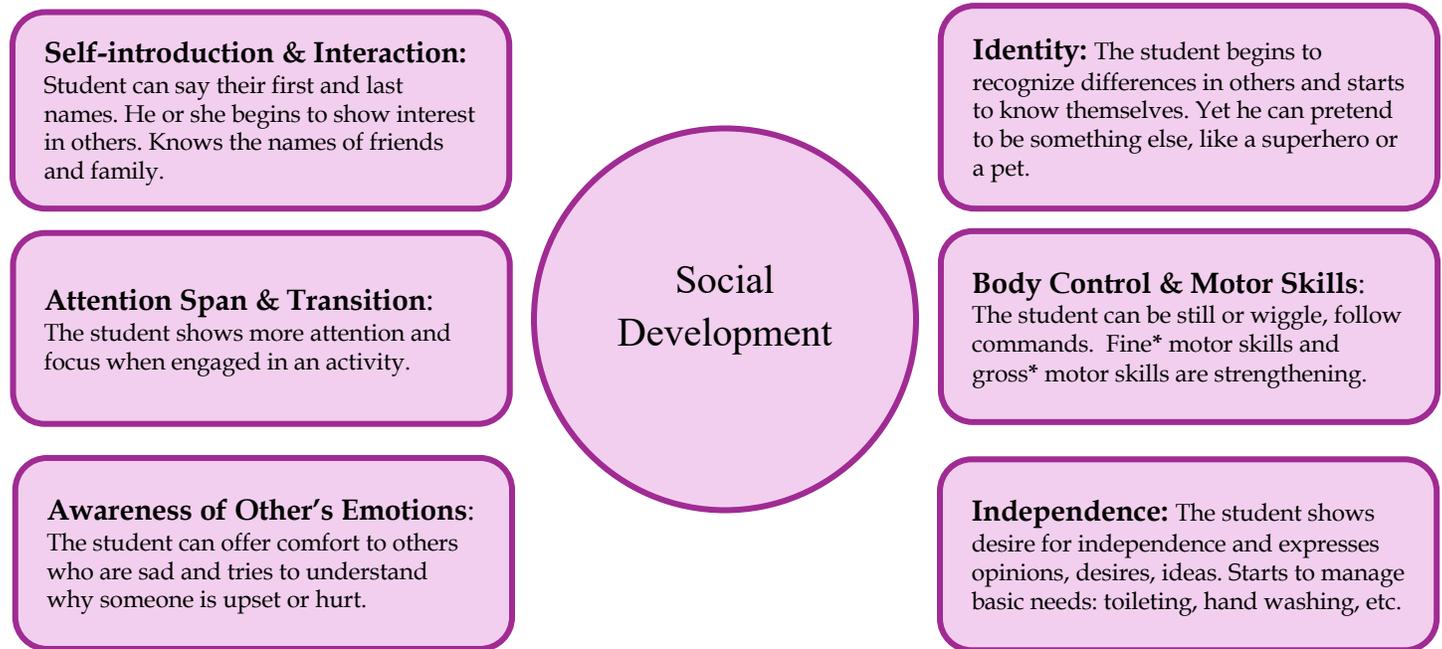


Fours Key Concepts Outline

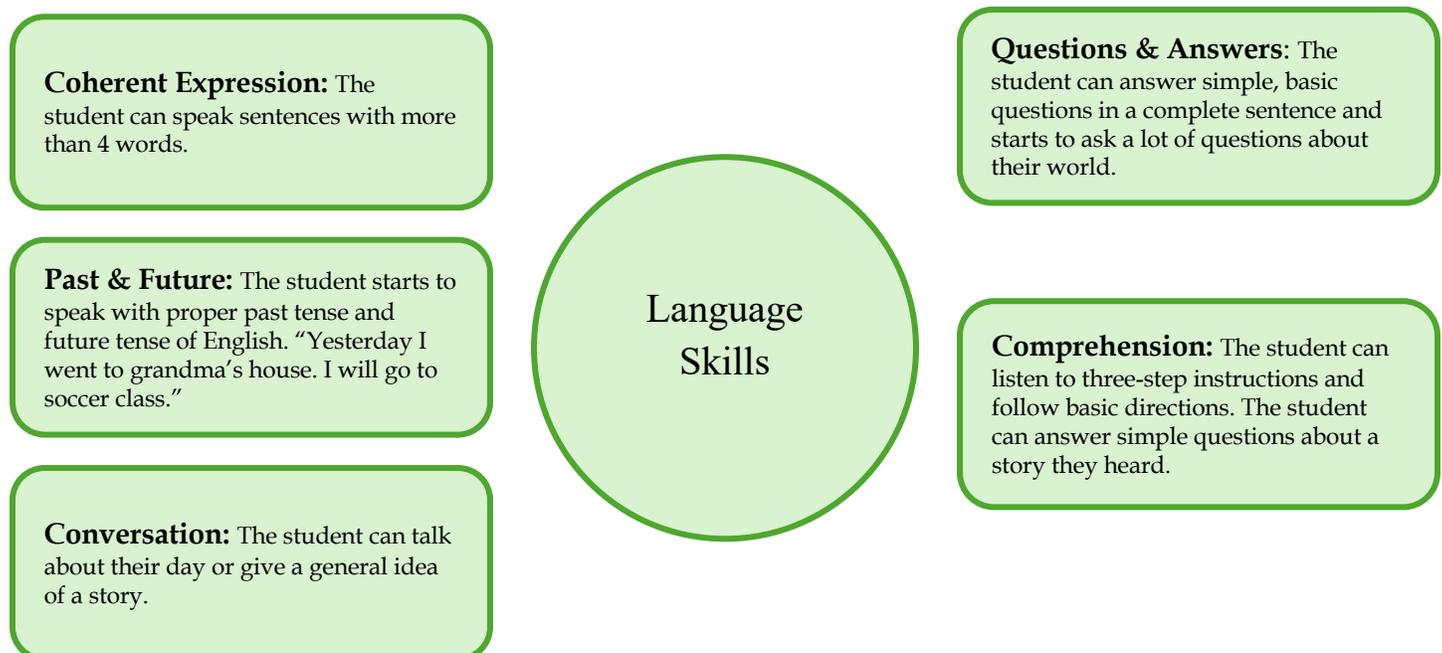


New Horizon Preschool has sought insights from various resources and diverse curriculum sets to create its own set of standards for academic excellence for our half-day Fours program. We believe in students learning at their own pace with emphasis on exploration and engagement with materials, ideas, knowledge, and the mystery of God's creation.



***Fine Motor Skills:** hand dexterity, pinch strength, finger isolation, wrist stability, grasp, thumb web space, zipping, buttoning, using scissors, pencil position in hand, getting dressed, tying shoes, self-feeding with utensils, etc

***Gross Motor Skills:** walking, crawling, jumping, skipping, catching a ball, swinging, tumbling, throwing a ball, raising the arms above the head, bending over, twisting at the waist, standing on one foot, etc



Penmanship: The student starts to hold writing utensils properly. This year they are improving pressure and consistency.

Writing Skills

Drawing & Shapes: The student can a figure or picture with three distinct features. Ex. A house with windows and door, a face with eyes, mouth, and nose.

Letter Shape & Size: The student starts to identify big and little letters and can start to write the alphabet.

Phonics & Rhymes: The student begins to read the English alphabet and recognize patterns of rhymes.

Reading Skills

Symbols & Numbers: The student begins to perceive the difference in numbers, letters, and symbols.

Blends & Sound Isolation: The student starts to read beginning and ending sounds and put sounds together as a step to reading.

Sight Words: The student begins to grow their recognize of the most commonly used words, like their name, "mom" "can" "sit" "up," etc.

Counting: The student can count 1 to 20, and knows up to 100 counting by tens.

Mathematic skills

Measurement: The student begins to comprehend more vs less, greater vs lesser, adding vs subtracting.

Time: The student begins to comprehend time duration. They know 3 minutes is a short time and 15 minutes is a longer time.

Days and Months: The student learns about the days of the week and months of the year, and the passage of seasons.

The Five Senses: The student uses their taste, touch, smell, sight, and sound to explore the world.

Science Skills

Curiosity: The student shows an interest in learning about the world of animals, plants, creatures, etc.