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- A developmental approach to teaching young children by teaching how to plan experiences in accordance with the developmental needs of the children in the classroom or center.
- A strong focus on the cognitive areas of the curriculum and effective methods of curriculum implementation.
- Addition of National Standards and a plethora of helpful ideas address key concepts throughout the text.
- Updated references throughout with many new references added to update and support the current text.
- A condensed historical perspective and developmentally appropriate practice have been included in chapter one.
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Core chapters cover:

- Social studies (including diversity, social-emotional development, physical activity, and nutrition)
- Language development
- Literacy development
- Science (3 separate chapters)
- Problem solving and math
- Music and movement
- Creativity, art, and dramatic activities

Key changes to this edition include a new chapter devoted to assessment, integration of developmentally appropriate practice in Chapter 1, expanded coverage of national standards and how to incorporate them into the daily curriculum, new “Ideas” boxes with specific ideas to support particular topics, and new photographs of children and classrooms.

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