

SOLs & Descriptive Statements: Family Life Education

Grade 1

1.1 The student will experience continuing success and positive feelings about self.

Descriptive Statement: The teacher continues to provide a classroom environment that fosters experiences of success in school work, in self-acceptance of body image, in the handling of routine situations, and in group activities. Parents are encouraged to reinforce successful experiences, self-esteem, and good mental health practices at home.

1.2 The student will experience continuing respect from others.

Descriptive Statement: Teachers and other adults at school continue active listening and acceptance of the feelings and opinions of the child, providing a classroom climate that protects the child from physical, mental and emotional infringement by others. Difficult situations, such as how to handle a bully on the playground, are discussed.

1.3 The student will become aware of the effects of his or her behavior on others and the effects of others' behavior on himself or herself.

Descriptive Statement: The teacher continues to use appropriate descriptive language to explain to a child how his or her behavior affects others both positively and negatively, and how others' behavior affects him or her. The child learns to respect others and their feelings, and practices good mental health behaviors. The student is made aware of any behavior on his or her part that causes others to have hurt feelings.

1.4 The student will develop an understanding of the importance of a family and of different family patterns.

Descriptive statement: The emphasis is on the need for loving parents, or other responsible adult(s) in the family, regardless of the type of family. The student advances from awareness of family forms at the kindergarten level to understanding the importance of the family and its various forms at the first-grade level. The following family patterns are included: two-parent families; extended families-relatives other than the immediate family living in the home; single-parent families; adoptive families; foster families; families with stepparent; and other blended families.

1.5 The student will identify family members and their responsibilities in contributing to the successful functioning of the family.

Descriptive Statement: The focus is on the tasks that must be performed in order for a family to function successfully. Examples of tasks are providing food; providing shelter; providing and caring for clothing; providing money for these and other necessities; providing love and caring, including meeting the needs of elderly or physically and mentally disabled family members; and providing for fun and play.

1.7 The student will use correct terminology when talking about body parts and functions.
Descriptive Statement: Scientific terms such as urinate, bowel movement, penis, vulva, and breast will be introduced as they occur in daily activities and are not taught directly. Parents are encouraged to reinforce correct terminology at home.

1.12 The student will demonstrate strategies for responses to inappropriate approaches from family members, neighbors, strangers, and others.
Descriptive Statement: Elements of good (positive, healthy) and bad (negative, unhealthy) touching are reviewed, and methods of avoiding negative encounters are presented. Appropriate use of communication devices such as the phone and internet will be discussed. Children learn how to tell a trusted adult, such as a parent, teacher, minister, grandparent, or guardian, about such incidents when they occur.