

DOMAIN 1: APPROACHES TO LEARNING AND COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT			
SUB-DOMAIN: COGNITION AND COGNITIVE PROCESSES			
REPRESENTATIONAL THOUGHT AND PLAY			
GOAL 16: CHILDREN REPRESENT EXPERIENCES AND THOUGHT THROUGH SYMBOLIC REPRESENTATION INCLUDING PLAY, MOVEMENT, ARTS, NUMERACY, AND LITERACY.			
Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
<b>First, Second, and Third Grades</b>	<p>Uses symbols to operate on, represent, and communicate creative thought, number concepts, and to express ideas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recognizes self and personal feelings as being similar to a character in a book, movie, or play.</li> <li>▪ Uses unique ways of expressing emotion and thoughts through art, literature, movement, singing, and drama.</li> <li>▪ Takes multiple perspectives when drawing or map drawing (e.g. child can draw both a floor plan "bird's eye view," and an elevation or frontal view and know they both represent the same object).</li> <li>▪ Uses humor with the realization that words have multiple meanings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide stories that have more than one meaning and talk about multiple meanings with child.</li> <li>▪ Provide folk tales and cultural stories for dramatic presentations or artistic representation.</li> <li>▪ Provide opportunities for perspective taking when drawing, building, and creating, including some models.</li> <li>▪ Use map making and symbol drawing sequences (story pictures) as a means of extending child's thinking and perspective taking.</li> <li>▪ Engage child in playing with the sounds and meanings of words for expressing humor (e.g. offer and respond to riddles and jokes such as knock-knock jokes).</li> <li>▪ Provide structured activities for making up songs, dances, and poetry.</li> <li>▪ Bring artists to the classroom for performances that include child participation.</li> <li>▪ Offer field trips to museums, galleries, and concerts.</li> <li>▪ Offer literature rich activities throughout the curriculum.</li> <li>▪ Offer plenty of hands-on building and manipulation activities to represent number and number concepts, measurement, and geometry.</li> </ul>