

The Preschool Six Pillars

The language around the Pillars is always positive at this stage. Because they are emerging learners, we want children to feel good about themselves while they build skills. The “I can do it!” attitude is also an essential part of CC!.

In preschool, we use the phrase “practice.” Because children cannot fully take in these skills, we want to set attainable goals and set them up for success. If they are struggling with a particular pillar, that just means they need more practice. Using this language sets them up for working towards goals when they are older and validates the little steps along the way.

For young children, this is what the Six Pillars mean:

Trustworthiness—I will learn the difference between the truth and a lie

- I will practice telling the truth
- I will practice doing the things I say I will do

Respect—I will learn to think about others

- I will practice keeping my hands to myself
- I will practice staying in my own space
- I will practice being nice to my friends
- I will practice waiting my turn to talk
- I will practice being a good listener
- I will wait my turn for toys and activities

Responsibility—I will learn to take care of myself and the things around me

- I will practice taking care of my body (washing my hands, using the bathroom, getting a jacket when I am cold, etc.)
- I will practice putting my things away (backpack in cubby at school and in proper place at home, toys put away)
- I will do what I can to take care of my space (pick up trash, wipe the table, etc.)
- I will practice doing chores (putting dirty clothes in the basket, getting the silverware for the dinner table, etc.)
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Fairness—I will learn what it means to be fair.

- I will practice sharing

- I will practice doing my part when everybody has a job
- I will practice taking the same amount as others have
- I will practice taking turns
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Caring—I will learn to show people how much I care about them

- I will practice being kind to all of my classmates
- I will practice helping my friends when they are sad or need something
- I will practice playing with all of my classmates
- I will practice being a good listener

Citizenship—I will learn what it means to do my part in a group

- I will practice following the rules
- I will practice helping others
- I will practice doing my share of the work
- I will practice controlling my body so others can work