



Pre-academic and persistence coaching are powerful ways to strengthen a child's school readiness skills. The following is a list of academic concepts and behaviors that can be commented upon when playing with a child. Modulate the number of words and complexity of your language according to the child's language development. Combine physical gestures with animated language. Remember to keep your language simple, slow down, and build repetition. Write down the the verbal and nonverbal communication approaches you will use to achieve your goals.

Academic Concepts	Goals
colors	
number counting	
shapes	
letters	
sizes (long, short, tall, smaller	
than, bigger than, etc.)	
positions (up, down, beside, next	
to, on top, behind, etc.)	
Persistence Skills (Preschoolers)	
working hard	
concentrating, focusing	
persistence, patience	
following teacher's directions	
problem solving	
trying again	
reading	
thinking skills	
listening	
working hard/best work	
independence	