



# The DLM Early Childhood Express



## ***Bound for Success!***

This exciting early childhood program guides children along the proven track to academic success! *The DLM Early Childhood Express*® offers a comprehensive child-centered curriculum with teacher support and 21st century technology.

***The DLM Early Childhood Express*** is a holistic, child-centered program that nurtures each child by offering focused, meaningful instruction that is developmentally appropriate. The complete system provides a wealth of English and Spanish materials to help foster the social-emotional, intellectual, and physical development of children.

## ***Focused Instruction***

Children learn best by connecting what they know with what they learn. Essential Questions in units connect children to new ideas and understanding.

<b><i>The DLM Early Childhood Express</i></b> Themes and Essential Questions	
Unit 1: All About Pre-K	<b><i>Why is school important?</i></b>
Unit 2: All About Me	<b><i>What makes me special?</i></b>
Unit 3: My Community	<b><i>What is a community?</i></b>
Unit 4: Let's Investigate	<b><i>How can I learn more about things?</i></b>
Unit 5: Amazing Animals	<b><i>What is amazing about animals?</i></b>
Unit 6: Growing and changing	<b><i>How do living things grow and change?</i></b>
Unit 7: The Earth and Sky	<b><i>What can I learn about the earth and the sky?</i></b>
Unit 8: Healthy Food/Healthy Body	<b><i>Why is healthy food and exercise good for me?</i></b>

## ***Meaningful Instruction***

Easy-to-use lessons link essential disciplines to make instruction more relevant and help children recognize patterns in learning.

- **Social-emotional development** is addressed everyday through positive reinforcement, interactive activities, and engaging songs to help model and build interpersonal skills.
- **Reading/ language arts** lessons are focused on language acquisition which include oral language development and vocabulary activities.
- **Mathematics** is based on ***Building Blocks***, the result of NSF-funded research, and designed to develop children's early mathematical knowledge through various individual and group activities.
- **Science** instruction provides students with skills in investigating and observing scientific concepts and methods during weekly science-focused, large-group activities, and Center Time activities.
- **Fine arts** provides student opportunities for expressing art, dance, and music
- **Social studies** is addressed weekly and allows children to learn about community, history, geography, and citizenship.
- **Physical movement** is integrated into each lesson to help each child develop appropriate gross and fine motor skills.
- **Technology** skills for the 21st century are incorporated each week with the use of online math activities, computer time, and eBooks.
- **Health and safety** lessons help children begin to make good decisions about healthy living and safety.