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To Whom It May Concern:

The Managing Editor for Essentials Preschool Curriculum stated the following in response to verification as to the research documentation for the curriculum:

**“The principles of Essentials Preschool Curriculum are based on the Developmentally Appropriate Practice for Early Childhood Programs (NAEYC—National Association Education of Young Children). These principles were used in Essentials as the basis of our educational research and are listed in the following areas of the curriculum:**

- **Preschool skills listed in the front of the teacher’s manual**
- **Skills for Success (objectives) listed at the beginning of each theme**
- **Each skills category was given an icon and is noted in the “Center Time” next to each activity that incorporates those skills**

**For more information on Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Programs Serving Children from Birth through Age 8, check out: <http://www.naeyc.org/about/positions/dap1.asp>”**

In His Service Together,



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