



Diagram 1: Building Blocks of Typical Preschool Social Development

For the purpose of explaining the foundations of preschool social development, we have separated these fundamental capacities into separate blocks. However, please remember they are synergistic, interrelated and interdependent. You will notice they are placed in layers that climb to the pinnacle of cooperative/collaborative play and learning in a group. Each layer represents capacities that are inherently connected and interdependent as well as emerging in a similar time frame in development. One layer builds upon the next, resulting in a fully functional and flexible kindergarten-ready child, armed with the social thinking and social processing skills needed to play with others and learn in a group.