

## Child Portfolios – Preschool

Portfolios are a collection of photographs, assessment notes and checklists, samples of artwork and other artifacts that demonstrate the progress a child is making in all learning domains. Portfolios can aid teachers in tracking a child’s development, sharing with families the gains a child is making and informing planning decisions. Children can be invited to choose a few samples to include in their portfolios. Family members might also have ideas of what to include in the portfolio.

Items for a child’s portfolio can be placed in a notebook or binder and divided into sections that match the P-MELDS domains. E-portfolios are another option.

Social Emotional Development	Approaches to Learning and Play	Early Language and Literacy	Physical Development and Health	Mathematical Practices and Reasoning
				Scientific Reasoning
				Social Sciences

### **Examples of items that might be in a child’s portfolio:**

- Anecdotal records such as checklists, observation notes and learning stories
- Commercial developmental checklists
- Photographs of a child at play, in a small group, at circle time, outdoors, during routines, and/or on field trips with captions
- Self/family portraits drawn by the child at different times of the year.
- Child’s drawing of a block structure or other projects
- Writing/beginning writing samples, scribbles, letters, names
- Samples from a child’s journal
- Dictated stories
- Artwork samples with captions
- List of favorite activities
- Video-clips (E-portfolio)
- Contributions from the family