

# HANDOUT

## INTENTIONAL INTERACTIONS IN TEACHING

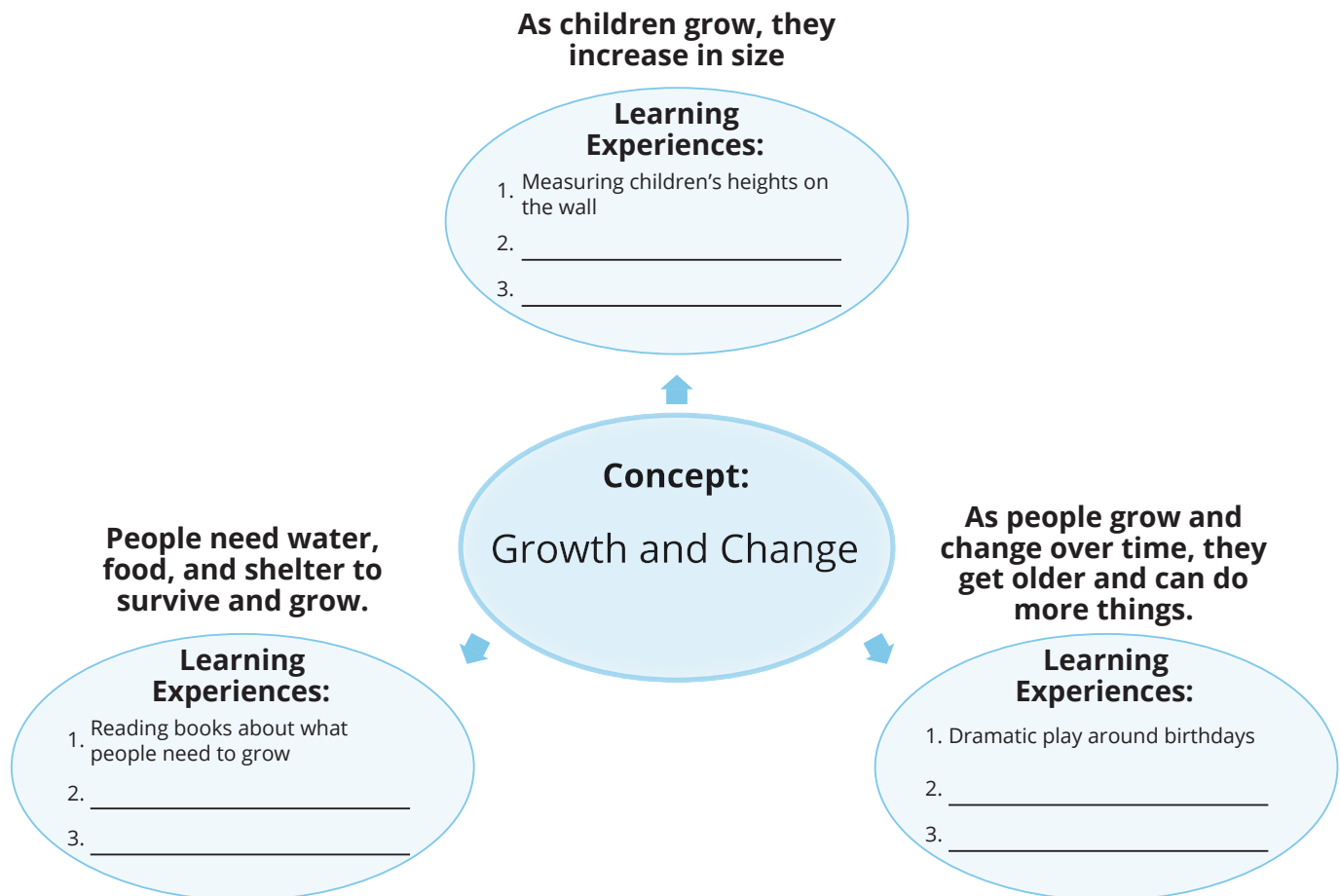
### Supporting Concept Development: *Deep Learning*

#### WEB OF LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Three key ingredients help children reach a deep understanding:

1. **Build on what children already know** to make learning easier and more meaningful. Help children make connections between what they already know and what they are learning.
2. **Plan multiple, related learning experiences** to explore the different aspects of a concept.
3. **Provide children with ample time** to explore and understand a concept. Extended investigation of a concept can take many weeks or months.

Pair up with your partner and choose one of the ideas related to the growth of people. Plan one or two learning experiences that will help children deepen their understanding of that aspect of growth and change. Write these learning experiences on your handout.



**Additional topics to continue building on the learning experiences about growth and change:**

- Transformation through the life cycle
  - Caterpillar into a butterfly
  - Tadpole into a frog
- Baby animals growing into full-grown animals
  - Puppies to dogs
  - Calves to cows
- Growth of vegetable plants or fruit trees
  - Tomato growing on a vine
  - Apple growing on a tree