# **Core Skills Analysis**

## Life Skills and Responsibility

- Learned the importance of maintaining personal and shared living spaces through cleaning activities such as mopping and vacuuming.
- Developed fine motor skills and coordination by performing tasks like handling a mop and operating a vacuum cleaner.
- Gained an understanding of task sequencing and time management by completing multiple cleaning steps in the correct order.
- Enhanced self-discipline and a sense of responsibility by taking initiative to clean the room independently.

### **Tips**

Encourage Shalee to keep exploring household chores by creating a weekly cleaning schedule to develop routine and accountability. Introduce a discussion about hygiene and the benefits of cleanliness for health and well-being to deepen understanding. Incorporate learning about different cleaning tools and techniques, perhaps comparing manual and electric options or natural cleaning solutions versus commercial products. Use this opportunity to talk about environmental responsibility by involving eco-friendly cleaning products and waste reduction strategies.

### **Book Recommendations**

- A Kid's Guide to Staying Clean and Healthy by Charlotte Foltz Jones: This book introduces children to basic hygiene concepts and the importance of cleanliness and health habits.
- The Berenstain Bears Clean Up by Stan and Jan Berenstain: A fun narrative about learning to clean up and keep living spaces tidy, with relatable family scenarios.
- What Do You Do With a Problem? by Kobi Yamada: While not about cleaning, this book encourages problem-solving and responsibility skills useful for tackling everyday tasks.

### **Learning Standards**

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas clearly (e.g., describing the cleaning process).
- CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.4.MD.A.2 Use the four operations to solve word problems involving intervals of time (e.g., timing cleaning tasks).
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.4.3 Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text (e.g., understanding how cleaning tools work).

### **Try This Next**

- Create a checklist worksheet for daily or weekly cleaning tasks to promote habit building and accountability.
- Design a quiz with questions about different cleaning methods, tools, and benefits of a clean environment.
- Write a short journal entry or story about how it feels to have a freshly cleaned room and the positive effects it brings.