

SUGGESTED MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT INVENTORY FOR 15 PRESCHOOLERS OR KINDERGARTENERS

Indoor Furniture & Equipment

- _____ A chair for each child in the group, sized so feet touch the floor easily (10 inch chairs for 3 yr. olds, 12 inch chairs for 4 – 5 yr. olds and 12 – 14 inch chairs for kindergarteners)
- _____ Enough tables to allow all the children to sit at once with their elbows resting on the table and knees comfortable underneath (18 inch high tables for 3 yr. olds; 20 – 22 inch high tables for 4 – 5 year olds)
- _____ 5 - 6 low (32" or less) shelf units or dividers to create at least four defined learning centers (double sided shelves count as two shelves)
- _____ Book shelf that displays books with the covers showing
- _____ A mat or cot for each child
- _____ A sheet and blanket for each mat or cot
- _____ Storage for mats or cots (if applicable)
- _____ A cubby or storage unit for each child
- _____ A cozy area that can accommodate 4 children, with a combination of: easily cleanable soft upholstered furniture, cushions, rugs, large pillows, bean bag chairs, etc.
- _____ Wall display equipment at child's eye level (bulletin boards, bulletin board strips, Plexiglas picture holders, mirrors, etc.)

Storage Containers

- _____ Enough bins, baskets, or other containers (labeled with words and pictures) to store & display separated materials in each learning center

Language & Literacy Materials

- _____ 40 age-appropriate good quality books, including factual and fantasy books
- _____ 4 sets of hands-on alphabet play materials (magnetic letters, letter/alphabet puzzles, alphabet stencils, letter stamps, etc.)
- _____ A flannel board & story figures for 4 stories
- _____ 10 hand or finger puppets
- _____ Wall display materials (pictures, posters, etc.)

Optional:

- _____ 4 - 8 story books on tape/CD
- _____ 2 tape/CD players for children's use
- _____ 6 headphone sets
- _____ A puppet stage
- _____ 2 play microphones
- _____ Small individual writing boards (chalkboards, whiteboards, etc.)
- _____ Notebooks / journals for each child

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Manipulatives / Early Math Materials

- _____ 4 fine motor manipulative sets (linking people, stringing bead sets, pegboards with pegs, nuts & bolts, etc.)
- _____ 6 puzzles in varying degrees of difficulty
- _____ 3 sets of small construction toys with at least 150 pieces each (legos, Lincoln logs, tinker toys, bristle blocks, etc.)
- _____ 3 table games (Chutes & Ladders, Memory, Candy Land, etc.)
- _____ 3 sets of materials for recognizing written numbers (number puzzles, magnetic numbers, etc.)
- _____ 3 sets of materials for counting & comparing quantities (counting bears, felt counting objects, dominos, abacus, etc.)
- _____ 3 sets of materials for measuring (measuring cups, measuring spoons, scales, rulers, etc.)
- _____ 3 sets of materials for recognizing shapes (parquetry tiles, felt shapes, shape puzzles, geo boards, etc.)
- _____ 3 sets of materials for patterning activities (pattern cards with counters, games, etc.)

Block Play Materials

- _____ A set of at least 250 unit blocks
- _____ A set of at least 20 large hollow unit blocks
- _____ 10 small vehicles (cars, trucks, boats, planes, etc.)
- _____ 10 people figures, including children and adults
- _____ 10 animal figures of at least 2 different types (farm, zoo, ocean dinosaur, etc.)

Optional:

- _____ A 40 piece snap together road/train set
- _____ A block play mat or rug
- _____ Traffic/road signs
- _____ Construction/hard hats

Dramatic Play Materials

- _____ 3 pieces of child-sized play furniture (refrigerator, stove/oven, sink, dish cupboard, table & chairs set etc.)
- _____ Table for 2 – 4 children with chairs
- _____ 30 pieces of plastic/play food and grocery/food boxes/bottles with word labels (cereal box, orange juice bottle, etc.)
- _____ 15 play dishes (plates, cups, pots/pans, (pots/pans, mixing bowls, cooking/baking dishes, spatula, large spoons, strainer, etc.)
- _____ 4 play telephones
- _____ 5 washable soft toys (dolls, stuffed animals, etc.)
- _____ 4 dolls with varying skin colors
- _____ 4 doll accessories (clothes, bottles, blankets)
- _____ 2 pieces doll furniture (bed, high chair, stroller or carriage, etc.)
- _____ 3 dress-up items (clothes, hats, shoes, purses, wallets, tote bag, etc.) for both girls and boys including at least 5 different types
- _____ 4 rotating dramatic play theme prop boxes with occupation dress-up clothes and related props (camping, restaurant, grocery store, fire-fighting, veterinarian, doctor's office, etc.)
- _____ 2 small doll/figure sets (Fisher Price, dollhouse sets, barn with farm animals, etc.)

Optional:

- _____ 4 housekeeping items (broom and dustpan, vacuum, ironing board and iron)
- _____ A coat/clothing rack to hang dress-up clothes on

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Music & Movement Materials

- _____ A CD player
- _____ 6 music CDs representing at least 3 different music styles (classical, jazz, children's songs, ethnic music, etc.)
- _____ 15 musical/rhythm instruments
- _____ 10 movement to music props (streamers, scarves, etc.)

Art Materials

- _____ 10 paintbrushes of varying types and sizes
- _____ 10 paint containers
- _____ 10 paint sponges
- _____ 2 paint easels
- _____ 10 paint smocks
- _____ A drying rack
- _____ 10 pair of safety scissors
- _____ 10 play dough accessories (cookie cutters, blunt knives, rolling pins, etc.)
- _____ 24 stamps with stamp pads

Science & Nature Play Materials

- _____ 3 nature collections (rocks, leaves, shells, etc.)
- _____ 3 nature exploration sets including at least 3 different types (magnifying glasses, scales, magnets & metal items, life cycle materials, binoculars, etc.)
- _____ 5 picture books that represent nature realistically
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- _____ 3 nature sequencing card/picture sets, puzzles or activity sets
- _____ A licensing approved classroom pet (fish aquarium, hamsters, etc.) and its home container
- _____ A small table to display and/or experiment with materials

Sensory Play Materials

- _____ A sensory table or large plastic sensory bin
- _____ 10 accessories for digging, holding, pouring, and floating (small shovels, measuring cups and spoons, sand molds, small pitchers, water wheels, sifters, small vehicles such as boats, planes, and cars, etc.)
- _____ 6 waterproof smocks

Optional:

- _____ Absorbent mat to put under messy sensory play materials

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Active Physical Play Equipment (Indoor & Outdoor): choose 15 items from the list below

- _____ Tricycles
- _____ Wagons
- _____ Scooters or other wheeled toys
- _____ Balls of various sizes and types
- _____ Pieces or sets of portable large motor equipment (balance beam, tumbling mats, parachute, bean bags, small basketball hoop and basketballs, crawl-through tunnels*, etc.)

Optional:

- _____ Bike helmets

Materials to Promote the Acceptance of Diversity

- _____ 5 books showing diversity in the following areas: race / culture, age, ability, and gender in non-stereotypical role
- _____ 5 pictures showing diversity in the following areas: race / culture, age, ability, and gender in non-stereotypical role
- _____ 5 dolls/people figures showing diversity in the following areas: race / culture, age and ability,
- _____ 3 other materials such as play food or puppets showing diversity in the following areas: race, culture, age, ability,

Professional Resource Materials

- _____ 2 Resource books for caregivers on preschool development
- _____ 2 Resource books for caregivers on quality preschool programming
- _____ 2 Resource books for caregivers on age appropriate activities to do with preschoolers
- _____ A resource book on language development
- _____ A resource book on the development of early math skills
- _____ A resource book on the use of blocks in the classroom
- _____ A resource book on developmentally appropriate music activities
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* The Crawl and Climb Caterpillar is NOT a tunnel; it is a climber that should have ASTM cushioning under it.