

CLASSROOM MATERIALS CHECKLIST

Name of Center: _____

Location: _____

The following is an itemized checklist of developmentally appropriate materials commonly found in an early learning center.

INFANT CLASSROOM

(Birth - 18 months)

BOOKS

12 books per child with three in each of the following categories:

- People of varying races, ages, and abilities
- Animals
- Familiar objects
- Familiar routines (bedtime, mealtime, outdoors)

FINE MOTOR

One set per child

- Grasping toys (rattles, rings, squeeze toys)
- Stacking/nesting toys
- Textured toys
- Containers to fill and dump
- Baby floor gyms
- Soft vinyl-covered foam blocks
- Large, easy-to-clean cardboard blocks
- Lightweight blocks of various sizes, shapes, colors
- Toy people, animals, vehicles

ACTIVE PHYSICAL PLAY

Ample materials and equipment so that children do not have to wait.

- Outdoor pad or blanket
- Play gym
- Small push toys
- Sturdy items to pull-up on
- Ramps and tunnels for crawling
- Soft vinyl-covered foam blocks
- Shade structure
- Textured balls
- Mobiles (out of reach)
- Cause and effect toys (pop-up toys, jack-in-the-box, etc.)
- Textured pads

MUSIC

- Rattles
- Wrist and ankle bells

ART

For children, 12 - 23 months offer at least three times per week.

- Paper
- Crayons
- Non-toxic markers
- Paintbrush
- Finger paints
- Playdough
- Collage materials

OTHER

- Unbreakable mirrors
- Soft dolls
- Stuffed animals
- Puppets
- Pictures of faces hung so children can see them

TODDLER CLASSROOM

(15 months - 36 months)

BOOKS

12 per child with three of each in the following categories:

- People of varying races, cultures, ages, and abilities
- Animals
- Familiar objects
- Familiar routines (bedtime, mealtime, outdoors)

PLAY AREA

Ample materials and equipment so that children don't have to wait

- Rattles, teethingers, keys on a ring
- Squeeze toys
- Light, sturdy soft toys
- Interlocking rings
- Balls of different textures and sizes
- Shape sorters
- Simple, large-peg puzzles (3-4 pieces)
- Pop beads
- Ring stackers
- Nesting toys
- Wooden puzzles with 4-12 pieces (24 months old)
- Mats or rugs

BLOCK AREA

At least three sets of blocks with ten or more per set; two or more inches in size

- Soft blocks
- Mega/Duplo type blocks
- Wooden cube blocks
- Toy people, animals, vehicles
- Containers to fill and dump

DRAMATIC PLAY AREA

- Dolls (of different skin tones) and accessories like blankets and bottles
- Soft animals and puppets
- Pots and pans
- Dress-up clothing
- Child-sized house furniture
- Small, play building with accessories (e.g., barn with animals, playhouse with people)
- Play phone

NATURE/SCIENCE

- Living things in the classroom (non-toxic plants, aquarium)
- Nature/science toys (realistic pictures)

ART AREA

- Easel
- Paint, finger paint, paintbrushes
- Large paper
- Chalkboard with large pieces of chalk
- Crayons
- Markers
- Playdough and tools
- Collage materials
- Glue (non-toxic)

MUSIC/MOVEMENT

- Music player (radio, CD player, etc.)
- Variety of music (classical, popular, nursery rhymes and songs, cultural, different languages)
- Musical toys and instruments

OUTDOOR PLAY AREA

- Riding toys without pedals
- Large push-pull wheeled toys (wagons)
- Balls
- Tunnels
- Toddler-sized slides
- Large cardboard boxes

PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM
(3 years - 5 years)

BOOKS
At least 21 total books with at least three of each from the following categories:

- Fantasy
- Factual
- Animals
- Science
- Multicultural
- Diverse abilities

LIBRARY AREA

- Soft, comfortable, child-sized seating
- Rug or mat
- Pillows
- Flannel board with story pieces
- Puppets that can be used to act out stories

SAND AND WATER

- Sensory table or plastic containers for sensory bins
- Floating toys (plastic toys, boats, etc.)
- Funnels, strainers, shovels, buckets
- Measuring cups for scooping and pouring

DRAMATIC PLAY AREA

- Dolls of varying skin tones
- Soft animals
- Pots and pans
- Play foods (multicultural)
- Toy phones
- Dress-up clothing
- Child-sized house furniture
- Different work props (office, construction, farm, store, restaurant, baby nursery, hair salon, sandwich shop, laundromat, car repair shop, gas station, vet clinic, bakery, pizza shop, etc.)
- Small, play building with accessories (barn with animals, playhouse with people, etc.)

MATH CENTER

- Counters (teddy bears, transportation vehicles, farm animals, wild animals, domestic pets, family members, bugs, ocean animals, dinosaurs)
- Mathlink cubes
- Measuring materials (spoons, cups, measuring tape, rulers, scales)
- Math picture books
- Magnetic numbers
- Geometric shapes
- Shape puzzles

NATURE/SCIENCE CENTER

- Living things in the classroom (non-toxic plants, aquarium, classroom pets)
- Nature/science toys with realistic pictures
- Nature/science books (earth science, life science, physical science)
- Games
- Sequence cards
- Posters with realistic pictures
- Magnets or magnetic wands
- Magnifying glasses
- Test tubes
- Eye droppers
- Goggles
- Color paddles
- Sensory bottles
- Scented discovery bottles
- Natural items (shells, pinecones, twigs, rocks)
- Planting and growing activities (grass, lettuce, lima beans, sprouting sweet potatoes)

ART AREA
<input type="checkbox"/> Easel
<input type="checkbox"/> Paint, paintbrushes, aprons
<input type="checkbox"/> Finger paints
<input type="checkbox"/> Paper
<input type="checkbox"/> Crayons
<input type="checkbox"/> Markers
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastels
<input type="checkbox"/> Playdough with tools
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay
<input type="checkbox"/> Glue
<input type="checkbox"/> Scissors
<input type="checkbox"/> Staplers
<input type="checkbox"/> Hole punchers
<input type="checkbox"/> Tape
<input type="checkbox"/> Child-sized work table with chairs
<input type="checkbox"/> Collage materials (buttons, yarn, silk flowers, muffin liners)
<input type="checkbox"/> Magazines for cutting and pasting
<input type="checkbox"/> Fabric, coffee filters, napkins, tagboard

MUSIC/MOVEMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> Music player (radio, CD player, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Variety of music available (classical, popular, nursery, rhymes and songs, cultural, different languages)
<input type="checkbox"/> Musical instruments (xylophones, bells, drums, rhythm sticks, maracas, rainsticks)
<input type="checkbox"/> Everyday items (can of beans, a box of macaroni or rice)

OUTDOOR PLAYSPACE
<input type="checkbox"/> Riding toys with pedals
<input type="checkbox"/> Scooters
<input type="checkbox"/> Large, push-pull wheeled toys (wagons)
<input type="checkbox"/> Balls
<input type="checkbox"/> Tunnels
<input type="checkbox"/> Toddler-sized slides
<input type="checkbox"/> Large, cardboard boxes
<input type="checkbox"/> Balance boards
<input type="checkbox"/> Picnic tables
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety helmets
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor home-living house
<input type="checkbox"/> Climbing equipment
<input type="checkbox"/> Fall zone
<input type="checkbox"/> Shade structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Water dispenser

BLOCK AREA
At least three different types of blocks, about 100 per type of block; a total of 300 blocks
<input type="checkbox"/> Wooden unit blocks including specialized arches and curves
<input type="checkbox"/> Large, hollow blocks
<input type="checkbox"/> Interlocking, plastic bricks 2-4 inches in size
<input type="checkbox"/> Large, cardboard blocks
<input type="checkbox"/> Props: toy people, animals, vehicles, road signs, etc.

FINE MOTOR
<input type="checkbox"/> Small building toys (Legos, Lincoln Logs, K'NEX)
<input type="checkbox"/> Puzzles (with and without knobs)
<input type="checkbox"/> Pegs with pegboard
<input type="checkbox"/> Lacing cards
<input type="checkbox"/> Matching cards
<input type="checkbox"/> BINGO
<input type="checkbox"/> Memory game
<input type="checkbox"/> Dominos
<input type="checkbox"/> Simple board games