Materials and Supplies Guide for Early Learning Classrooms

**BLOCK AREA**
*There must enough blocks for 3 children to create large, independent structures. Accessories should include the following categories: small people, vehicles, animals, and other.*

- Unit Block Set  *(Large Quantity Set)*
- Hollow Blocks

**Accessories**

**Small People** *(select at least 2)*
- Multicultural Families
- Special Needs
- Community Helpers
- Kids set

**Vehicles**
- Small and Large Cars
- Trucks
- Construction Equipment

**Animals** *(select at least 2)*
- Farm
- Zoo
- Forest
- Other Animals

**Other**
- Unit Block Tunnel and Arches Set (Include multicultural set)
- Road Sign Set
- Vehicles (include small and large cars, trucks, others)
- Rug
- Block Storage Unit
- Books  *(Construction, Car, etc.)*
- Writing Materials
- Posters, Blue Prints, Maps

**ART AREA**
*Classrooms should have materials from each category.*

**Drawing**
- Crayons *(Basic Colors and People Colors)*
- Markers *(Washable, All Colors)*
- Drawing Paper *(White or Manila)*
- Pencils or Pens
- Chalk
Paints
- Washable Finger Paints (All colors)
- Tempera Paint (All Colors and Multicultural Colors)
- Watercolors

Three-Dimensional Objects
- Playdough
- Clay
- Wood Scraps
- Boxes

Collage Materials
- Glue and Glue Sticks
- Colored Construction Paper (All Sizes, Colors and Textures)
- Collage Materials (Example: cotton balls, craft sticks, feathers)

Tools
- Scissors
- Paint Brushes (All sizes, thick and thin)
- Paint Cups
- Art Easel (multisided)
- Cookie Cutters and Playdough Tools
- Tape (Scotch, Masking and Colored)
- Paint Smocks
- Hole Punch
- Stapler
- Weaving Materials
- Books (Story and Nonfiction, example: famous artist)
- Art Posters

DRAMATIC PLAY
Dramatic play materials should allow for children to act out roles. Materials should be accessible so children can play out housekeeping and other themes.

- Dress-Up Clothes (Men’s and Women’s)
- Dolls (Include male and female, multicultural)
- Doll Equipment (blankets, stroller, etc.)
- Kitchen Set
- Table & Chairs (Child-size)
- Food
- Dishes
- Cleaning Equipment
- Mirrors (Full length and hand held)
- Materials That Show Numerals (Telephones, Calculators, Price Tags, Cash Registers)
- Storage Unit
- Other Role Props (Example: Office, Store, Camping, etc.)
- Print Materials (Magazines, Books, Menus)
- Paper & Writing Tools
- Dollhouse Sets (Fire house, Garage, Farm Set)
FINE MOTOR
Fine Motor materials fall into 4 categories: interlocking building materials, art materials, manipulatives, and puzzles. (Suggested Art Materials are found in the Art section). There should be materials from each category.

Interlocking Building Materials
___ Legos
___ Gears Set
___ People Builders or Other Builders

Manipulatives
___ Magnatiles
___ Stringing Beads
___ Pegs and Pegboards
___ Sewing Cards
___ Table Blocks

Puzzles
___ Floor Puzzles
___ Framed Puzzles

MATH MATERIALS
Math materials fall into 3 categories: Counting/Comparing Quantities, Measuring/comparing Size and Parts of Whole, and Familiarity with Shapes. There should be materials from each category.

Counting and Comparing Quantities
___ Magnetic or Plastic or Foam Number Set
___ Counters
___ Games (Board Games, Card Games, Teacher-Created Games)
___ Tactile Numbers
___ Dice
___ Charts (Number Chart, Graphing Charts)
___ Books (Counting Books)

Measuring/Comparing Sizes and Parts of Whole
___ Sorting Sets
___ Balance
___ Rulers
___ Tape measure, Yard Stick, Height Chart
___ Measuring Cups

Familiarity with Shapes
___ Geo Boards
___ Pattern and Shape Blocks
___ Three Dimensional Items (Example: Cones, Cubes, etc.)
___ Shape Puzzles
___ Shape Books
**NATURE/SCIENCE**

Nature and Science materials fall into 5 categories. There should be at least 3 items from each category.

**Living Things**
- Plants
- Class Pets
- Outside Garden

**Natural Items**
- Bird’s Nest
- Natural Collections (Seashells, Seeds, Rocks)

**Factual Books/Nature Science Picture Games**
- Books about Weather, Animals, Birds, etc.

**Tools**
- Magnifying Glasses (All Sizes)
- Magnets
- Measuring Cups
- Scales
- Coloring Mixing Materials
- Flashlights
- Compass
- Tweezers or Tongs
- Safety Equipment (Goggles, Gloves etc.)
- Eye Droppers
- Lever, Pulleys, Pinwheels
- Telescope, Binoculars
- Thermometers
- String
- Wax Paper, Aluminum Foil, etc.

**Sand or Water with Toys**
- Plastic Containers and Tubs
- Plastic Tubing
- Sand and Water Table
- Paper and Writing Tool
- Poster and Charts

**LIBRARY/LANGUAGE AREA**

Language and literacy materials should include at least 20 books for 10 children or 30 books for 15 children. Other language materials should be present.

- Alphabet Chart
- Book Rack (Book Fronts should be displayed)
- Carpet or Rug
- Soft Materials (Example: Pillows, Bean Bags, etc.)
- CD or Tape Player
- Books on CD or Tape
- Headphones
- Puppets (Teacher-Made and Purchased)
- Flannel Board and Flannel Pieces
- Big Book Easel/Storage
__ Books (High Quality)
  Non-Fiction
  Picture Books
  Simple Stories
  Predictable Books
  Rhyming books
  Multicultural Books
  Gender Diversity Books
  Alphabet Books
  Nursery Rhymes
  Poetry
__ Big Books (High Quality)

**WRITING AREA**

*Writing and Print materials should be used so that children become familiar with print.*

__ Magnetic or Foam or Plastic Letters
__ Alphabet Chart
__ Alphabet Books and Picture Dictionary
__ Rubber Stamps and Stamp Pads
__ Chalk or Magnetic/White Board
__ Tracing Letters
__ Paper (Variety of UNLINED Paper)
__ Stapler
__ Scissors
__ Tape
__ Writing Tools (Pencils, Markers, Colored Pencils, etc.)
__ Number Charts
__ Envelopes
__ Cards
__ Stickers
__ Stencils
__ Cubbies for Supplies
__ Folders, Journals
__ Storage for Supplies (Example: Pencil Cups, Marker Stands, etc.)
__ Pencil Sharpener
__ Recipe Charts, Procedure Charts, Children’s Names, Label and Pictures

**MOVEMENT AND MUSIC AREA**

*Music and movement should be part of the children’s daily experiences. Materials should include instruments as well as movement props.*

__ CD or Tape Player (Children Can Use)
__ Headphones
__ CD’s And Tapes
  Classical Music
  Jazz Music
  Country and Western
  Multicultural Music
  Children’s Music
  Bluegrass Music
Movement CD’s or Tapes
  - Bean Games
  - Movement Games
Bean Bags
Musical Instruments (Include Variety and Multicultural) (At Least 10 or One per Child)
Scarfes
Ribbons
Books that go with Songs (Example: Down by the Station, etc.)
Parachute

**DIVERSITY ITEMS**
*There are 5 categories of diversity: Age, Ability, Race, Culture, and Non-Traditional Gender Roles. There should be materials from 4 of the 5 categories. There must also be at least 10 diversity items found in the classroom with 1 example in each of the following categories: books, displayed pictures, and accessible play materials.*

- Books
- Posters
- Photos
- Dramatic Play Materials (Food, Dolls, Puzzles)

**OUTDOOR AREA**
*There should be both portable and stationary equipment.*

- Balls (All shapes and sizes)
- Riding Toys (Pedal and Steer)
- Safety Equipment (Helmets, etc.)
- Climbing Equipment
- Balancing Equipment
- Sports Equipment
- Portable Equipment (Hula Hoops, Jump Robes, Rakes, Bug Catchers, etc.)
- Large Vehicles (Bull Dozer, Trucks, Dump Trucks, etc.)
- Benches or Picnic Table (Child size)
- Natural Items (Example: Plants, Trees, Flowers)
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Sand Box and Equipment (Example: Shovels, Trucks, Rakes)
- Greenhouse Equipment (Example: Flower Pots, Seed, Dirt, etc.)
- Bubbles and Wands
- Other Materials (Dramatic Play Items, Books and Literacy Items, Art Items, etc.)