SUGGESTED MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT INVENTORY
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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
____ 15 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.