

PRESCHOOL MATERIALS GUIDE



Appendix I

CLASSROOM INVENTORY



All items purchased for use in your classroom should be age appropriate and used as the manufacturer recommends. The quantity of items suggested in this guide are based on a class size of 20 children. Use your professional judgment when determining the quantity of materials you will need for your classroom based on the number of children enrolled.

Check One: Center-Based Family Child Care Group Home Care

Program Name: _____

Program Phone #: _____

FEIN #: _____

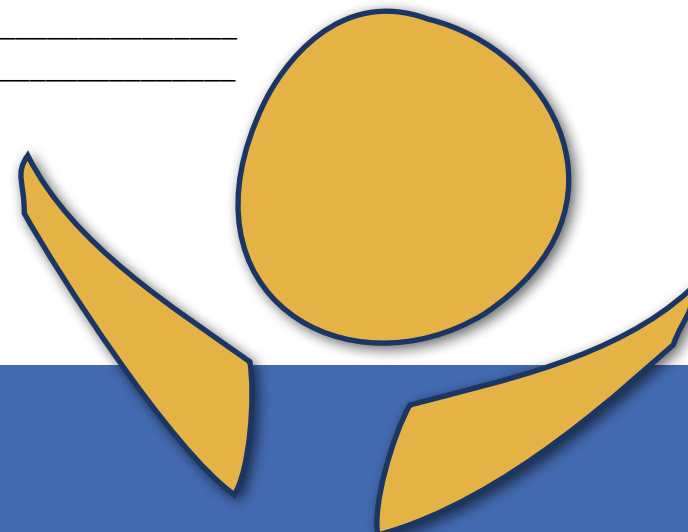
Center-Based Only

Classroom Name (centers-based): _____

Age Group: _____

Family Child Care/Group Home Care Only

Number of children enrolled in your program who are 3 through 5 years old: _____



Please indicate the quantity of each item you have in each condition (Like New, Good, In Need of Repair). If you don't have a particular item enter a zero. Next, enter the number of each item you need under the column titled, Amount Needed.

GENERAL USE FURNITURE					
FURNITURE AND STORAGE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	CONDITION OF ITEMS			AMOUNT NEEDED
		LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	
Child sized tables (so that seated children's elbows reach the tabletop)	At least 2				
Child sized chairs (so that seated children's feet touch the floor)	20				
Cubbies	20				
Mats or cots	20				
Adult chair	1				
Lockable storage (for hazardous/toxic cleaning supplies as well as materials not in current use, and teachers' possessions)	1				



BLOCK CENTER					
FURNITURE AND STORAGE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	CONDITION OF ITEMS			AMOUNT NEEDED
		LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	
Storage shelf	As needed				
Containers for materials	As needed				
Carpet – solid color and tight weave	1				
MATERIALS TO SUPPORT LEARNING	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	AMOUNT NEEDED
Unit blocks (hardwood)	1 set (200-300 blocks of various shapes and sizes)				
Family figures (multi-ethnic) (6-8 figures)	1 set				
Community workers or career people (multi-ethnic) (6-8 figures)	1 set				
People with physical impairments (6-8 figures)	1 set				
Cars (4-6 cars)	1 set				
Trucks (4-6 trucks)	1 set				
Specialized blocks (tabletop blocks, door and window blocks, colored blocks, etc.)	2 sets				
Animals (jungle, forest, domesticated, farm, aquatic): large and/or small	3 or 4 sets				
Community vehicles (4-6 vehicles)	1 set				
Traffic signs	1 set				
Dinosaurs (4-10)	1 set				
Wooden train & track	1 set				
Specialized blocks (large hollow blocks, see through blocks)	1 set				

DRAMATIC PLAY CENTER					
FURNITURE AND STORAGE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	CONDITION OF ITEMS			AMOUNT NEEDED
		LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	
Kitchen set – either four separate pieces which will also set off the area, or a one-piece unit	1				
Small table and chairs (table & 2-4 chairs)	1				
MATERIALS TO SUPPORT LEARNING	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	AMOUNT NEEDED
Multi-ethnic dolls (w/removable clothing or diapers, bibs, and bottles as appropriate)	2 ea. gender				
Doll bed & bedding (at least 1 blanket)	1				
Dishes (1 place setting for each child allowed in the center)	1 set				
Plastic flatware (1 place setting for each child allowed in the center)	1 set				
Pots & pans (one large pot, one small pot, one frying pan)	1 set				
Cooking utensils (4-5 pieces)	1 set				
Mirror (un-breakable)	1				
Pretend food	1 set				
Dress-up items	Several				
Phones	1-2				
Containers to keep materials organized	As needed				
Pretend iron & ironing board (child-size)	1				
Doll high chair	1				
Child-size sofa and/or chair(s)	1				
House cleaning tools (e.g., broom, dust pan, brush, vacuum, mop, duster)	1 set				
Prop boxes developed around scenarios: grocery store, office, hospital, pet store/veterinarian, firefighter, post office/mail carrier, etc.	Several				
Newspapers & magazines	3-5				

ART CENTER					
FURNITURE AND STORAGE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	CONDITION OF ITEMS			AMOUNT NEEDED
		LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	
Storage shelf	1				
Small table and chairs (table and 4-6 chairs)	1				
Double easel w/clips to hold paper	1				
MATERIALS TO SUPPORT LEARNING	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	AMOUNT NEEDED
12" paint brushes (six 1" wide bristles, six ½" wide bristles, six ¼" wide bristles)	1-1/2 doz.				
Blunt point scissors (metal, not plastic)	1 doz.				
Large scissors (adult use)	1				
Paint cover-ups (can be old shirts provided by donation)	6				
Paint drying rack	1				
Paint cups with lids	1 doz.				
Playdough tools (i.e. rolling pins & cookie cutters) (at least 1 tool per child)	1 set				
Lap chalkboards or whiteboards w/erasers	4				
Trays for finger painting (1 per child)	1 set				
Paper punches	4-6				
Alternative painting utensils	1 doz.				
Stampers & stamp pads	1 set				
Staplers & staples	2				

MANIPULATIVES CENTER					
FURNITURE AND STORAGE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	CONDITION OF ITEMS			AMOUNT NEEDED
		LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	
Storage shelf	1				
Small table and chairs (Table and 4-6 chairs)	1				
Open storage container	As needed				
MATERIALS TO SUPPORT LEARNING	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	AMOUNT NEEDED
Small Building Toys					
Lego or Duplo blocks (larger size for younger children)	1 set				
Counting cubes	1 set				
Unifix cubes	1 set				
Tower building set	1 set				
Snap blocks	1				
Magna-tiles	1 set				
Thistle blocks	1 set				
Ring construction set	1 set				
Tall stacker pegs	1				
Jumbo connecting disks	1 set				
Pipes to connect	1 set				
Gears	1 set				
Tinkertoys	1 set				
Counting and Sorting					
Assorted math manipulatives (bears, dinosaurs, vehicles, etc.)	1 set				
Sorting trays	2				
25 hole peg boards	4				
Large round pegs – 100	1 box				

Beads (various shapes/colors) and laces (larger size for younger children)	1 set				
Plastic/wood nuts & bolts	1 set				
Sewing cards w/strings	1 set				
Soft counters	1 set				
Small peg boards and pegs	2				
Lacing shapes	1 set				
Locks & latches	1 set				
Nesting toys	1 set				
Puzzles and Games					
Pattern blocks w/ picture cards	1 set				
Shape puzzle	1				
Wooden puzzles (assorted) varying difficulty (6 – 26 pieces) including knob puzzles	6				
Number puzzles	1 set				
Dominoes	1 set				
Lotto, memory or bingo games	2				
Floor puzzles	1 or 2				
Additional game	1				
Giant pattern blocks	1 set				
Sound boxes	1 set				
Smelling Bottles	1 set				
Feely box	1				

LITERACY/BOOK/LIBRARY CENTER					
FURNITURE AND STORAGE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	CONDITION OF ITEMS			AMOUNT NEEDED
		LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	
Book display shelf	1				
Storage shelf	As needed				
Pillows & cushions	2				
Mat or carpeting					
MATERIALS TO SUPPORT LEARNING	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	AMOUNT NEEDED
Assorted books	25				
Flannel board	1				
Flannel board story set	2-3				
Additional books	25				
Book & CD	2-3 sets				
Big books	2-3				
Assorted puppets (family, animals, community helpers, etc.)	4-6				

SCIENCE/DISCOVERY CENTER					
FURNITURE AND STORAGE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	CONDITION OF ITEMS			AMOUNT NEEDED
		LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	
Storage/display shelf	1				
Small table & chairs (table & 4 chairs)	1				
Open storage containers	1 for each set of materials				
MATERIALS TO SUPPORT LEARNING	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	AMOUNT NEEDED
Color paddles	1 set				
Sink & float items (2-3 items that float & 2-3 items that sink)	1 set				
Magnifiers	1 set				
Living things to take care of (plants, animals, outdoor garden)	3-5				
Magnets	1 set				
Collections of natural objects	3-5				
Trays to hold collections for examination	3-5				
Balance scale	1				
Prisms	2				
Kaleidoscopes	2				
Bug house	1				
Mirror trays	1 set				
Realistic plastic animals	1 set				
Science games	2				
Science books	2-3				

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT CENTER

FURNITURE AND STORAGE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	CONDITION OF ITEMS			AMOUNT NEEDED
		LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	
Storage shelf	1				
Open storage containers	1 for each set of materials				
MATERIALS TO SUPPORT LEARNING	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	AMOUNT NEEDED
CD player (equipped for use with headphones)	1				
Headphones w/adapter plug to use both at the same time	2 sets				
Rhythm instruments (1 instrument per child)	1 set				
Drums	2				
CDs – assorted styles of music: classical, multicultural, folk, as well as children’s music	6-12				
Digital voice recorder	1				
Xylophone	1				
Additional rhythm sticks, bells, shakers, or drums	5-10				
Dance & movement props (ribbons, scarves, streamers)	1 per child				

SAND AND WATER CENTER					
FURNITURE AND STORAGE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	CONDITION OF ITEMS			AMOUNT NEEDED
		LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	
Storage shelf	As needed				
Storage containers	As needed				
Sand/water table w/lid	1				
MATERIALS TO SUPPORT LEARNING	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	AMOUNT NEEDED
Waterproof smocks	4-6				
Large spoons, scoops, and/or shovels (at least 2 items per child in the center)	1 set				
Sieves or strainers	2				
Boats	1 set				
Sand/water wheels	1 set				
Water pump	1				
Basters	2				
Funnels (1 per child in center)	1 set				
Molds (2 per child in center)	1 set				
Vehicles for sand play (1 per child in center)	1 set				
Bubble wands (1 per child in center)	1 set				

COMPUTER CENTER					
FURNITURE AND STORAGE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	CONDITION OF ITEMS			AMOUNT NEEDED
		LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	
Computer desk – child sized	2				
Chairs – child sized, or bench seating for two with one additional chair	2				
MATERIALS TO SUPPORT LEARNING	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	AMOUNT NEEDED
Computer, monitor, keyboard, mouse, mouse pad	1				
Earphones	2				
Age appropriate software programs	2 to 3				
Printer	1				
Additional software programs	2 to 3				

OUTDOORS					
FURNITURE AND STORAGE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	CONDITION OF ITEMS			AMOUNT NEEDED
		LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	
Storage containers	As needed				
MATERIALS TO SUPPORT LEARNING	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	LIKE NEW	GOOD	IN NEED OF REPAIR	AMOUNT NEEDED
Wagon	1				
Tricycles, or riding toys without pedals	2				
Balls	4-5				
Plastic hand shovels	4-5				
Sand sifters	4-5				
Large trucks	1 set				
Parachute	1				
Jump ropes	2-3				
Hoops	2-3				
Riding toys (additional tricycles, scooters, wagon)	1-2				
Large traffic signs, traffic cones	1 set				
Balance beam	1				
Water table	1				
Gigantic building materials	1 set				
Rocking boat	1				
Air pump	1				
Buckets and wide paint brushes (at least 2") [for "painting" w/ water]	4-5				