

Learning Environment

The learning environment is the arrangement of the classroom or home that sets the stage for teaching and learning.

<p>Room equipment and furniture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tables • Chairs • Coat, cubby units • Storage units • Centers: book, listening, writing • Computer tables • Classroom displays • Cots, mats • Dramatic play centers • Puppet stage • Reading pillows • Safety wall mirrors • Changing tables • Cribs • High chairs • Rugs • Adult rocker • Support pillows • Activity mats and gyms • Bibs • Eating utensils • Special needs items: positioning equipment, eating utensils, adapted toys 	<p>Active play</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tricycles, ride-on toys • Wagons • Scooters • Balance beams • Tumbling mats • Play tunnels • Basketball hoops • Large balls • Hopper balls • Activity hoops • Parachutes • Large motor games: bean bags, ring toss • Wheelbarrow • Playground equipment • Large unit blocks • Climbers • Rocking boats • Slides • Mat play centers • Helmets • Outdoor playhouses
<p>Manipulatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legos, Duplos, construction sets • Puzzles • Beads, lacing sets • Pegs and pegboards • Pre-writing stencils • Manual dexterity vests • Pounding benches • Tools, tool benches • Block play sets • Small design blocks • Sensory materials • Stacking cups 	<p>Science and technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploration kits • Nature activities • Magnifying glasses, microscopes • Weather charts • Plants • Minerals/rocks • Magnets • Prisms • Science kits • Computers, age appropriate educational software
<p>Social concepts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costumes • Play masks • Child size play sets (kitchen, housecleaning, cookware, mailbox, medical, grocery store) • Baby dolls • Doll houses and furniture • Play buildings (barn, firehouse, school) • Animal collections • Puppets • World globes • Posters (community helpers, emotions) • Healthy habits posters • Food group activities • Toothbrushes • Hand washing posters • Safety kits and posters • Play purses, cameras, phones • Youth cook books • Cooking utensils • Play food items 	<p>Cognitive development and perception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum • Children's books • Storytelling kits • Felt boards • Posters • Rhyming games • Alphabet letters, stencils, sight words, picture-word match • Alphabet games • Object matching, category sorting, theme boxes • Counters • Stacking toys • Rattle sets • Activity boards (cause and effect) • Geometric forms • Geoboards • Pattern blocks, patterning activities • Sorting, graphing, counting activities • Tactile numbers, tracing activities • Measurement kits • Clocks, time activities • Calculators • Play money • Shape sorters • Discovery boxes • Push and pull toys • Tracking toys
<p>Sensory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhythm sets, musical instruments • Noisemakers • CD's, CD players • Headphones • Paints, brushes, easels • Aprons • Markers, crayons, pencils • Ink pads, stamps • Paper, scissors, glue • Peel and stick sets • Stencils • Sponges • Feely boxes • Sensory balls • Sight and sound toys • Sand and water tables • Playdoh, clay, cutting tools 	<p>Multicultural resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-ethnic dolls • Bilingual books • Multicultural play food • Occupational puzzles • World music CD's • Multicultural costumes • Multi-ethnic puppets • Multicultural music instruments • Multicultural training • Multicultural activity kits, craft kits • Posters: world communities • Bilingual language materials

