

Literacy Materials & Center Books

DRAMATIC PLAY

Materials

- blank address books
- books and magazines
- calendars, date books, appointment books
- clipboards
- empty food containers
- maps
- menus, recipe cards, and cookbooks
- message boards
- newspapers
- notepads
- old checkbooks
- typewriter or computer keyboard
- pencils, pens, markers
- photo albums
- price lists
- receipt books
- signs
- stationery, greeting cards, and envelopes
- telephone book

Book Suggestions

- Amazing Grace (Mary Hoffman)
- Friends at School (Rochelle Bunnett, Matt Brown)
- Go Away, Big Green Monster (Ed Emberly)
- Going to the Dentist (Fred Rogers, Jim Judkis)
- Going to the Doctor (Anne Civardi)
- Goodnight Moon (Margaret Wise Brown)
- Guess How Much I Love You (Sam McBratney)
- Hats, Hats, Hats (Ann Morris)
- How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon? (Jane Yolen)
- How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight? (Jane Yolen)
- Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear? (Nancy White Carlstrom)

- Let's Talk About It: Adoption (Fred Rogers, Jim Judkis)
- Let's Talk About It: Extraordinary Friends (Fred Rogers, Jim Judkis)
- Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse (Keven Henkes)
- Making Friends (Fred Rogers, Jim Judkis)
- Mama, Do You Love Me? (Barbara M. Joosse)
- Manners (Ailiki)
- Miss Spider's Tea Party (David Kirk)
- "More, More, More," Said the Baby (Vera Williams)
- My First Day at Preschool (Edwina Riddell)
- The Napping House (Audrey Wood)
- New Baby (Fred Rogers, Jim Judkis)
- The Paper Bag Princess (Robert Munsch)
- Peter's Chair (Ezra Jack Keats)
- Talk, Baby! (Harriet Ziefert)
- Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born (Jamie Lee Curtis)
- What Is Your Language? (Debra Leventhal)
- When a Pet Dies (Fred Rogers, Jim Judkis)
- Where's Spot? (Eric Hill)
- William's Doll (Charlotte Zolotow)

TOYS AND GAMES

Materials

- alphabet bingo
- alphabet blocks
- alphabet puzzles
- basic vocabulary pictures and games
- environmental print puzzles
- labeled picture cards
- letter sorting and matching games
- magnetic letters

- matching games
- name games
- rhyming picture games
- sequence cards
- sorting and classification materials

Book Suggestions

- Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse (Leo Lionni)
- Can You See What I See?: Picture Puzzles to Search and Solve (Walter Wick)
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom (Bill Martin and John Archambault)
- I Spy (Walter Wick)
- Look Alikes Jr. (Joan Steiner)
- Max's Toys: A Counting Book (Rosemary Wells)
- Olivia and the Missing Toy (Ian Falconer)

ART

Materials

- alphabet cookie cutters
- alphabet rubber stamps
- alphabet sponges
- brochures and pamphlets
- chalkboards and colored chalk
- colored pens and pencils
- greeting cards
- magazines and newspapers
- titled posters of famous artwork
- pre-made blank books to illustrate
- Wikki Sticks

Book Suggestions

- The Art Lesson (Tomie dePaola)
- Babar's Museum of Art (Laurent De Brunhoff)
- Harold and the Purple Crayon (Crockett Johnson)
- I Spy: An Alphabet in Art (Lucy Micklethwait)
- Legend of the Indian Paintbrush (Tomie dePaola)

- Little Blue and Little Yellow (Leo Lionni)
- Matthew's Dream (Leo Lionni)
- Mouse Paint (Ellen Stoll Walsh)
- Museum ABCs (Metropolitan Museum of Art)
- My Crayons Talk (Patricia Hubbard)
- When Picasso Met Mootisse (Nina Laden)

DISCOVERY

Materials

- clipboards
- graph paper
- index cards, note pads
- journals
- nature magazines
- pencils, pens, markers, crayons
- pet care books and posters
- plant care instructions
- plant and animal identification cards
- seed catalogs and packets

Book Suggestions

Picture books

- The Carrot Seed (Ruth Kraus)
- Changes, Changes (Pat Hutchins)
- The Grouchy Ladybug (Eric Carle)
- A House for Hermit Crab (Eric Carle)
- Mickey's Magnet (Ruth Kraus)
- Parts (Tedd Arnold)
- Rainbow Fish (Marcus Pfister)
- Round Trip (Ann Jonas)
- The Salamander Room (Ann Mazer)
- The Snail's Spell (Joanne Ryder)
- The Snowy Day (Ezra Jack Keats)
- Two Bad Ants (Chris Van Allsburg)
- The Very Busy Spider (Eric Carle)

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Eric Carle)
- The Very Quiet Cricket (Eric Carle)

Informational/Non-Fiction

- Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! (Bob Barner)
- A Color of His Own (Leo Lionni)
- Diary of a Wombat (Jackie French)
- Diary of a Worm (Doreen Cronin)
- The Magic School Bus Inside a Beehive (Joanna Cole)
- Me and My Amazing Body (Joan Sweeney)
- Me and My Senses (Joan Sweeney)
- My First Body Book (Christopher Rice)
- My Visit to the Aquarium (Aliki)
- Watch Them Grow (Linda Martin)
- The Way Things Work (David Macaulay)
- What Do You Do With a Tail Like This? (Steve Jenkins & Robin Page)

Alphabet Books

- African Animals ABC (Sarah Schuette)
- The Alphabet Tree (Leo Lionni)
- Animalia (Graeme Base)
- The Butterfly Alphabet (Kjell Sandved)
- Eating the Alphabet (Lois Ehlert)
- An Edible Alphabet (Bonnie Christenson)
- The Flower Alphabet Book (Jerry Pallotta)
- The Icky Bug Alphabet Book (Jerry Pallotta)
- Old Black Fly (Jim Aylesworth)
- The Yucky Reptile Alphabet Book (Jerry Pallotta)

SAND AND WATER

Materials

- alphabet cookie cutters or sand molds
- vinyl bathtub books
- chart with recipe for sand pies
- ice cubes with small plastic letters frozen inside
- laminated name cards, words, or letters
- list of rules generated by the children about sand and water play
- local business logos attached to popsicle sticks or drinking straws
- posters of sand castles and boats
- prediction charts: What Will Happen?
- signs printed with permanent markers on Styrofoam meat trays
- sink-or-float sorting charts
- sponge or foam letters
- storybook characters (laminated or plastic) and related props (twigs for trees, Legos, plastic houses, vehicles)
- street or traffic signs

Book Suggestions

- At the Beach (Ann Rockwell)
- Beach Day (Karen Roosa)
- Better Not Get Wet, Jesse Bear (Nancy White Carlstrom)
- Bubble, Bubble (Mercer Mayer)
- Curious George Goes to the Beach (H. A. Rey)
- In the Middle of the Puddle (Mike Thaler)
- In the Sand (Kate Burns)
- Let's Try It Out in the Water (Seymour Simon)
- On My Beach There Are Many Pebbles (Leo Lionni)
- The Quicksand Book (Tomie dePaola)

- Sally Goes to the Beach (Stephen Huneck)
- Sand (Ellen Prager)
- The Sand Castle (Brenda Shannon Yee and Thea Kliros)
- Sandcastle (Mick Inkpen)
- Sea, Sand and Me! (Patricia Hubbell)
- Splish, Splash (Stephen M. Scott)
- A Swim Through the Sea (Kristin Joy Pratt)

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

Materials

- alphabet songs on tape or CDs
- color-coded music cards to use with xylophones, tone bells, or melody bells
- posters of musical instruments
- rebus (picture) movement cards
- song charts and cards
- songs for following oral directions (Hokey Pokey or Looby Loo)
- taped listening activities

Book Suggestions

Songs That Promote Phonological Awareness

- The Ants Go Marching
- Apples and Bananas
- Baby Bumblebee
- Down by the Bay
- Eensy-Weensy Spider
- Hokey Pokey
- John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt
- My Bonny Lies Over the Ocean
- The Name Game
- Polly Wolly Doodle
- A Sailor Went to Sea, Sea, Sea
- Someone's in the Kitchen (Fe, Fi, Fiddle-I-O)
- Willoughby, Wallaby Woo

Books About Music and Movement

- Angelina Ballerina (Helen Craig)
- The Bat Boy and His Violin (Gavin Curtis)
- Ben's Trumpet (Rachel Isadora)
- Best-Loved Children's Songs from Japan (Yoko Imoto)
- Cada Nino: Every Child: A Bilingual Songbook for Kids (Tish Hinojosa and Lucia Angela Perez)
- Charlie Parker Played Bebop (Chris Raschka)
- Getting to Know You!: Rodgers and Hammerstein Favorites (Richard Rodgers)
- How Sweet the Sound: African-American Songs for Children (Wade and Cheryl Hudson)
- Hush!: A Thai Lullaby (Minfong Ho)
- Max Finds Two Sticks (Brian Pickney)
- M Is for Music (Kathleen Krull)
- Music, Music for Everyone (Vera B. Williams)
- Philadelphia Chicken: A Too Illogical, Zoological Musical Review (Sandra Boynton and Michael Ford)
- Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles - Think of That (Leo Dillon and Diane Dillon)
- Song and Dance Man (Karen Ackerman)
- Take Me Out of the Bathtub and Other Silly Dilly Songs (Allen Katz)
- Tessa's Tip-Tapping Toes (Carolyn Crimi)
- A Tisket, A Tasket (Ella Fitzgerald)
- What a Wonderful World (Ashley Bryan)
- Willie (Virginia Kroll)

Song Storybooks

- A-Hunting We Will Go! (Stephen Kellogg)
- Baby Beluga (Raffi)

- Do Your Ears Hang Low?: A Love Story (Caroline Jayne Church)
- Down by the Bay (Raffi)
- Inch by Inch: The Garden Song (David Mallet)
- Just the Two of Us (Will Smith)
- Mary Had a Little Lamb (Mary Ann Hoberman)
- Mary Wore Her Red Dress and Henry Wore His Green Sneakers (Merle Peek)
- Miss Mary Mack (Mary Ann Hoberman)
- There Once Was a Man Named Michael Finnegan (Mary Ann Hoberman)
- There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly (Simm Taback)
- Today is Monday (Eric Carle)

COOKING

Materials

- alphabet cookie cutters
- blank recipe cards
- calendar for recording snack helpers
- cookbooks
- coupons
- environmental print on containers of ingredients used in recipes
- graphs and charts, for example,
 - Did you like the soup? Yes/No
 - How many of each fruit did we use in our salad?
 - Healthy Foods/Not Healthy Foods
- grocery store circulars
- labels for utensils and ingredients
- letter molds
- menus
- nutritional charts
- paper
- picture and word (rebus) recipe cards
- recipe charts
- writing tools

Book Suggestions

Storybooks

- Bear Wants More (Karma Wilson)
- Bread and Jam for Frances (Russell Hoban)
- Bread, Bread, Bread (Ann Morris)
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (Judi Barrett)
- Corn is Maize: A Gift from the Indians (Ailiki)
- Dim Sum for Everyone (Grace Lin)
- Eating the Alphabet (Lois Ehlert)
- Everybody Cooks Rice (Nora Dooley)
- Growing Colors (Bruce McMillan)
- Growing Vegetable Soup (Lois Ehlert)
- How Are You Peeling? (Saxon Freymann and Joost Elffers)
- The Hungry Thing (Jan Spelman)
- I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie (Alison Jackson)
- Magda's Tortillas (Becky Chavarria-Chairez)
- Matzah Ball Soup (Joan Rothenberg)
- In My Momma's Kitchen (Jerdene Nolen)
- More Spaghetti, I Say! (Rita Golden Gelman)
- Pancakes for Breakfast (Tomie dePaola)
- Pickles to Pittsburg (Ron Barrett)
- Strega Nona (Tomie dePaola)
- Today is Monday (Eric Carle)
- Tony's Bread (Tomie dePaola)
- The Tortilla Factory (Gary Paulsen)
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Eric Carle)
- Who Took the Cookie from the Cookie Jar? (Bonnie Philemon and Lass Sturges)

Children's Cookbooks

- Betty Crocker Kids Cook! (Betty Crocker Editors)
- Blue Moon Soup (Gary Goss)
- Children's Quick and Easy Cookbook (Angela Wilkes)
- Cooking with Herbs: The Vegetarian Dragon (Julie Bass)
- Delicious Dishes: Creole Cooking for Children (Berthe Amos)
- Kids Cooking: A Very Slightly Messy Manual (Klutz Press)
- Kids First Cookbook (American Cancer Society)
- The Kids Multicultural Cookbook: Food and Fun Around the World (Deanna F. Cook)
- Mother Goose Cookbook: Rhymes and Recipes for the Very Young (Marianna Mayer)
- Once Upon a Recipe: Favorite Tales, Food and FUNtivities (Judy Edelman)
- Pretend Soup and Other Real Recipes for Preschoolers and Up (Mollie Katzen)

COMPUTERS

Materials

- bookbinding supplies
- hard copies of books related to interactive storybook software
- chart with picture and word directions for starting and shutting down the computer
- colored adhesive labels with words such as off, on, enter, delete, up, down, forward, backwards, print, stop, go, play, start
- individual children's word banks (a collection of words that are important to them, written on cards and held together with a ring)

- name cards for children to refer to when typing their names or those of their friends
- picture dictionaries for reference when typing
- printer, ink, and paper
- sign-up sheets for computer use
- sign with rules for Computer Area safety and equipment care

Book Suggestions

Children's Books Related to Computers

- Arthur's Computer Disaster (Marc Brown)
- The Computer from A to Z (Bobbie Kalman)
- Franklin and the Computer (Paulette Bourgeois and Brenda Clark)
- A House With No Mouse (P. S. Tinsley)
- Look Inside a Computer (Anna Curti)
- The Magic Schoolbus Gets Programmed (Nancy White)
- Patrick's Dinosaurs on the Internet (Carol Carrick)

Interactive Storybook Software

- The Art Lesson (Riverdeep)
- Arthur's Teacher Trouble (Riverdeep)
- Cat in the Hat (The Learning Company)
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom (Davidson and Associates)
- Dr. Seuss ABCs (The Learning Company)
- Green Eggs and Ham (The Learning Company)
- The Hare and the Tortoise (Broderbund)
- Just Grandma and Me (Broderbund)
- Just Me and My Mom (Broderbund)
- Little Monster at School (Broderbund)

- Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel (Simon and Schuster)
- Stellanluna (Riverdeep)

Software for Building Early Literacy Skills

- Ani's Rocket Ride (Coach)
- Bailey's Book House (Edmark)
- Bert and Ernie's Computer Phone (Learning Company)
- Circletime Tales Deluxe (Don Johnston)
- Clifford the Big Red Dog Reading (Scholastic)
- Curious George PreK ABCs (Houghton Mifflin)
- Dr. Seuss Reading Games (Learning Company)
- I Spy Junior (Scholastic)
- JumpStart Preschool (Knowledge Adventure)
- Kid Pix (Learning Company)
- Kid's Work Deluxe (Davidson and Associates)
- Learn Together with Ani (Coach)
- Monkeys Jumping on the Bed (SoftTouch)
- Photo Kit Junior (Coach)
- Stanley's Sticker Stories (Edmark)

OUTDOORS

Materials

- adhesive labels for Ziploc natural collection bags
- bird identification charts, laminated and hung in trees
- blank books or journals
- clipboards, paper, and writing tools
- labeled muffin tins, egg cartons, or ice cube trays for collecting and sorting
- labels for garden plants
- laminated environmental print signs
- nature guides, plant and animal identification books

- pretend driver's licenses
- props for retelling stories
- sidewalk chalk
- traffic signs

Book Suggestions

- Alpha Bugs (David A. Carter)
- Around the Pond: Who's Been Here? (Lindsay Barrett George)
- Carl's Afternoon in the Park (Alexandra Day)
- The Carrot Seed (Ruth Krauss)
- Clifford and the Big Storm (Norman Bridwell)
- Diary of a Worm (Doreen Cronon)
- Franklin and the Thunderstorm (Paulette Bourgeois)
- The Giving Tree (Shel Silverstein)
- The Grouchy Ladybug (Eric Carle)
- Growing Colors (Bruce McMillan)
- Henry Hikes to Fitchburg (D.B. Johnson)
- I Wish I Were a Butterfly (James Howe)
- The Icky Bug Alphabet Book (Jerry Pallotta)
- In the Small, Small Pond (Denise Fleming)
- It Looked Like Spilt Milk (Charles G. Shaw)
- Miss Tizzy (Libba Moore Gray)
- Planting a Rainbow (Lois Ehlert)
- Roxaboxen (Alice McLerran)
- The Snowy Day (Ezra Jack Keats)
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Eric Carle)

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