

Suggested Full Day Kindergarten Equipment List

Kindergarten teachers may wish to consider this list of suggested equipment when planning their classrooms. The items can be found through any major early learning equipment supplier. Full day kindergarten programs should offer a range of durable, age appropriate equipment and toys with high play value for kindergarten children, including:

- **Simple toys that encourage children to use their imagination**
- **Natural, found, and “loose” materials**
- **Real-life and household materials**
- **Literacy materials**
- **Art and craft materials**
- **Manipulative materials**
- **Active play equipment**

Manipulative Centre

- Pegboard
- Nesting toys
- Stringing Beads
- Mosaic kit
- Bristle Blocks
- Lacing or threading toys
- Natural, found or loose materials such as pine cones, feathers, leaves, bark, seeds, dried beans, shells

Sand and Water Exploration

- Assorted water play toys (e.g. measuring cups, containers, sponges, float/sink items)
- Assorted sand play toys (e.g. funnels, shovels, measuring cups, rakes, sifter)
- Sand/water table

Building Centre

- Car/town mat
- Hardwood unit blocks of various shapes, colours and sizes
- Wooden railway set
- Assorted vehicles (die cast, plastic, wooden, varied sizes)
- Dinosaur collection
- Wild animal collection
- Farm animal collection
- Block storage unit

Science/Nature Centre

- Light table
- Magnifiers
- Colour paddles
- Magnet kit
- Insect viewer
- Prism set
- Collections of “found” items such as rocks, bark, nests, shells, etc

Dramatic Play Centre

- Costume set
- Masks
- Doctor kit
- Tool Kit
- Dollhouse with furniture and people
- Unbreakable mirror
- Assorted puppets
- Cash register
- Baby dolls (multicultural)
- Doll crib and bedding
- Play kitchen

- Play dishes
- Play food (multicultural)
- Play table and chairs
- Use real-life and household materials, such as spoons, ladles, measuring cups, jugs, plastic containers, cutlery (except sharp knives), tongs, and tweezers.

Creative Centre

- Paint cups
- Assorted tempera paint
- Adjustable art smock
- Set of assorted paintbrushes
- Multi sided easel
- Paint daubers
- Drying rack
- Blunt tip scissors
- Assorted washable markers
- Assorted jumbo crayons/pencils
- Ink pads
- Stamps
- Play dough cutters, rollers, press
- Glue sticks
- White glue
- Collage kit
- Finger/hand paint
- Assorted paper (colours and textures)

Outdoor Centre

- Bubble solution
- Assorted bubble makers
- Hopscotch mat
- Parachute

- Assorted playground balls
- Hoops
- Play tunnel
- Sidewalk chalk
- Bean bags

Language and Literacies Centre

- Lapboards
- Magnetic letters and numbers
- Felt board
- Assorted felt stories
- Tabletop magnetic whiteboard
- Sorting set
- Patterning beads
- Peg board
- Unifix cubes
- Liquid measurement set
- Bucket balance
- Meter stick, rulers, measuring tape
- “Found” material collections (e.g. buttons, shells, seeds, small toys, keys) for math centre
- Coloured 1" wooden cubes for math centre
- Mutli-link cubes

Book Centre

- Assorted books (including big books, picture books, reference, etc)
- Book stand
- Floor pillow set
- Carpet
- Flannel board

Music and Movement

- Beanbag set
- Assorted musical instruments
- Egg shakers
- Assorted multicultural CDs
- Portable CD player
- earphones

Puzzles and Games Centre

- Assorted frame tray puzzles
- Floor puzzles
- Memory Game
- Assorted age appropriate board games

Furniture

- Child size round tables
- Child size stacking chairs
- Area carpets
- Child accessible storage units
- Teaching supplies storage units
- Personal storage cubicles