

Suggested Toy & Equipment Inventory for Preschoolers

Developmental Category:

Manipulative & Perceptual

Blocks Baby

Puzzles

Construction/carpentry Sets

Buckets & shovels (plastic)

Peg Boards, Sewing & Lacing Boards

Chalkboard & chalk

Beads for Stringing

Dominoes, Lotto games

Gross Motor

Riding Toys

Foam Balls

Swings, Slides, Rocking Toys

Balance Board (can be easily

Fun Tunnel

Home-made)

Sandbox

Skip Ropes, Hula Hoops

Imaginative Play (also stimulates problem solving & language development greatly)

Dress-up Box

Housekeeping Set-Up: Sink, Stove, Table & Chairs

Dollhouse

Play Villages

Baby-tending Set-Up: Stroller, Layette, Cradle, Dolls

Trucks & cars, other vehicles- all sizes

Play Grocery Store & cart; play food (easy to collect empty boxes & containers from your kitchen & put on "shelves" made from stacked empty boxes)

Math/Number Readiness

Magnetic Board & Numeral Set

Calendar

Large plastic or home-made clock

Growth Chart

Equipment: Preschoolers

Language Arts

Books, books, books!

Flannel board & pieces

Sequencing boards & puzzles

Puppets

Matching & opposites boards & puzzles

Chart Paper & Stand

Alphabet Charts

Science/Social Studies Concepts

Aquarium

Large Globe

Magnifying Glass

Plastic or Floor Map of U.S.

Giant Magnet

Dolls of other cultures

Books

Nature "Labs"

Arts & Crafts/Music

Easel

Tempura Paint & Brushes

Finger Paint

Glue & Glue Sticks

Pre-school Scissors

Pipe Cleaners

Stickers

Markers & Crayons

Construction paper

Macaroni, food color & string

Rhythm Band Instruments

Record or Tape Player

Scrap Box- wallpaper, magazine pages, fabric, gift wrap, buttons, string,
glitter, lace, ribbon