Suggested Toy & Equipment Inventory for Preschoolers

Developmental Category:

**Manipulative & Perceptual**
- Blocks Baby
- Construction/carpentry Sets
- Peg Boards, Sewing & Lacing Boards
- Beads for Stringing
- Puzzles
- Buckets & shovels (plastic)
- Chalkboard & chalk
- Dominoes, Lotto games

**Gross Motor**
- Riding Toys
- Swings, Slides, Rocking Toys
- Fun Tunnel
- Sandbox
- Foam Balls
- Balance Board (can be easily Home-made)
- 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
- Large plastic or homemade clock
- Calendar
- Growth Chart

**Equipment: Preschoolers**

**Language Arts**

- Books, books, books!
- Sequencing boards & puzzles
- Matching & opposites boards & puzzles
- Chart paper & stand

**Science/Social Studies Concepts**

- Aquarium
- Magnifying glass
- Giant magnet
- Books
- Dolls of other cultures
- Nature “Labs”

**Arts & Crafts/Music**

- Easel
- Finger paint
- Pre-school scissors
- Stickers
- Construction paper
- Rhythm Band Instruments

- Tempura paint & brushes
- Glue & glue sticks
- Pipe cleaners
- Markers & crayons
- Macaroni, food color & string
- Record or tape player

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