

FCCERS-R Materials List

Books and Pictures

At least 12 books for each age group, some may be suitable for more than one age group:

- People of varying races, ages, and abilities
- Animals
- Familiar experiences
- Familiar routines
- Fiction
- Factual
- Board, vinyl, and soft books for infants and toddlers

Fine motor

Enough materials to rotate for each age group:

Infants:

- Rattles
- Grasping toys
- Busy boxes
- Nested cups containers to fill and dump
- Texture toys
- Cradle gyms
- Household items such as graduated measuring cups and pots with lids

Toddlers:

- Shape sorting games
- Large stringing beads
- Big pegs with peg boards
- Simple puzzles
- Pop beads
- Stacking rings
- Nesting toys
- Medium or large interlocking blocks
- Crayons

Preschool-Kindergarten

- Interlocking building toys with pieces of any size
- Manipulatives such as stringing beads, lacing cards, pegs with peg boards, links and gears, small table blocks
- Art materials such as crayons and scissors
- Puzzles

School-Age:

- Building toys such as Lincoln logs, small interlocking block building sets
- Manipulatives such as pick-up sticks, jacks, marbles, small computer games
- Art and craft materials such as markers, watercolors, jewelry making, weaving, sewing
- Complex puzzles

Art

Some of each of the following:

- Drawing materials such as paper, crayons, nontoxic markers, thick pencils
- Paints
- Three-dimensional materials such as play dough, clay, wood gluing, carpentry
- Collage materials
- Tools such as scissors, staplers, hole punches, tape dispensers

Music/movement

Some of each:

- Instruments
- CD player
- Musical toys
- Safe, home-made instruments such as shakers
- Scarves and ribbons for dance props
- Variety of CDs and musical selections including:
 - Classical
 - Popular
 - Cultural
 - Different languages

Blocks

At least two types of blocks:

Toddlers:

- Soft vinyl or cloth covered blocks
- Large cardboard blocks
- Sensory blocks such as those that make noises

Preschool/Kindergarten

- Unit blocks-wood, plastic, foam including rectangles, squares, triangles, cylinders, etc.
- Homemade blocks
- Hollow blocks
- Toy people, animals, vehicles, and road signs

Dramatic play

Enough materials for each age group:

- Housekeeping such as dolls, child-sized furniture, dress-up, kitchen utensils, toy telephones
- Different kinds of work props, such as office, construction, farm, store, fire fighting, transportation
- Fantasy, such as animals, dinosaurs, storybook characters
- Leisure such as camping, sports
- Multicultural items such as food, dress up, dolls, props

Nature/science

At least 9 items in each of the following categories:

- Collections of natural objects such as rocks, insects, seed pods
- Living things such as nontoxic house plants, gardens, pets, butterfly garden, ant farm
- Nature science books with realistic pictures, weather charts, games, or toys such as matching cards, sequence cards
- Nature/science activities such as magnifying glasses, thermometers, prisms, test tubes with eye droppers, rain gauge, microscope, cooking materials
- Wall display posters depicting nature/science

Sand/Water

Variety of toys which could be used with sand and/or water

- Containers
- Spoons
- Funnels
- Floating toys
- Shovels and buckets
- Pots & pans
- Molds
- Toy people
- Animals
- Trucks

Math/number

Enough materials for 5 different materials for each age group:

Infants and Toddlers:

- Rattles of various shapes
- Cradle gyms with hanging shapes, numbers and shape board books
- Simple shape puzzles
- Shape sorters
- Toy telephones and cash registers
- Nested cups
- Stacking rings

Preschool:

- Small objects used in counting activities
- Balance scales
- Rulers
- Number puzzles
- Magnetic numbers
- Number games such as dominoes or number lotto
- Geometric shapes such as parquetry blocks
- Books on counting or shapes
- Math/number computer software

School-age:

- Rulers
- Tape measures
- Number lines
- Unit rods and cubes
- Parquetry blocks
- Geo boards
- Math card and board games
- Calculators
- Math computer software

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