

Age Appropriate Materials



The child's skill level and interests should be a factor when choosing which materials to offer. Provide materials that are both appropriate for the ages and abilities of the children while challenging them to develop new skills.

Infants

Soft toys
Textured or activity blocks (*plus dolls, phones and animals*)
Wheeled toys
Grasping toys
Floor gyms
Toys that make pleasant sounds
Board books (*including realistic pictures of people and animals*)
Balls

Toddlers

In addition to items listed for infants:
Small motor toys (*shape sorters, puzzles*)
Riding toys
Crayons, paper and markers
Paints
Playdough
Musical Instruments
Play furniture
Dishes and foods
Sensory play props (*including shovels, scoopers, measuring utensils*)
Science toys and activities
Counting materials
Blocks (*plus animals, people and vehicles*)

Preschoolers

Dramatic play furniture, clothing and other items
Floor puzzles
Pattern tiles and cards
Musical instruments
Small play buildings
Science materials
Art and craft materials
Blocks with various props and accessories
Jump ropes
Various sized balls