

Transitional Kindergarten Resources

Learning Centers Based on Reach:

Dramatic Play

- Provide opportunities for children to create & make “places” of interest
 - Provide opportunities for children to act out the story they heard
 - Provide clipboards and notepads to “write” down notes while in home living
 - Provide opportunities for children to sort & classify real items found in homes
 - Provide opportunities for children to create cultural environments
 - Provide opportunities for children to choose roles and act them out
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| Store Front | Environment Signage | Cash Register |
| Ethnic Clothing | Ethnic Food | Puppets |
| Variety of Hat Props | | |

Multifaceted/Open Ended Art

- Provide art that is open ended
- Provide art where children paint/draw a representation of a story they heard
- Provide letter themed art
- Provide art that represents their name
- Provide art where children cut the pieces used
- Provide more complex art “projects”

Papers:

Construction Paper	Poster Board	Newspaper
Paper Plates	Finger Painting Paper	Bark
Brown Bags	Butcher Paper	Foil
Cardboard	Corrugated Cardboard	Styrofoam
Tissue Paper	Cellophane	

Paints:

Tempera	Glitter Paint	Powder Paint
Water Colors	Shaving Cream	Pudding
Puffy Paint	Hair Gel	Ketchup / Mustard
Yogurt	Water / Ice Cubes	Corn Syrup
Soap Flakes	Mud	Baby Food

Adhesives:

Glue	Colored Glue	Paste
Starch	Colored Masking Tape	Scotch Tape
Stapler	Contact Paper	Frosting
Glue Sticks		

Painting Tools:

Brushes	Fingers	Eye Droppers
String	Rubber Worms	Gadgets
Potato Mashers	Foam Brushes	Marbles
Sponges	Cookie Cutters	Strawberry Baskets
Plungers	Scrub Pads	Car Wheels
Muffin Tins	Bottoms of Plates	Shapes
Waffle Block Pieces	Animal Feet	Feet / Toes / Hands
Comb / Brush	Tooth Brush	Q-Tips
Corn Cobs	Feathers	Stick
Spray Bottles	Squeeze Bottles	Paint Roller
Golf Balls	Nuts	Spaghetti
Fly Swatter	Rocks	Kitchen Utensils
Roller Bottles	Dopper Bottles	Spools
Pie Tins	Finger Koosh Rings	Corks
Balloons	Fruits and Vegetables	

Collage Materials:

Tissue	Masking Tape	Netting
Pipe Cleaners	Cotton Balls	Crepe Paper
Colored Masking Tape	Tongue Depressors	Bows
Yarn	Sequins	Straws
Doilies	Paper Plates	String
Ribbon	Wiggly Eyes	Toothpicks
Glitter	Buttons	Q-Tips
Craft Sticks	Styrofoam Pieces	Coffee Filters
Foil	Lace	Mini Cupcakes Liners
Wood Pieces	Sandpaper	Cupcake Liners
Feathers	Velvet	Felt
Foam	Beans	Seeds
Spices	Leaves	Nature Items
Macaroni	Egg Shells	Sea Shells
Colored Sand	Salt	Rice
Cellophane	Clay	

Musical

- Provide a variety of styles of music
- Provide a variety of musical instruments
- Provide opportunities for children to create & record their own music
- Provide opportunities for children to move to the rhythm of music
- Provide opportunities for children to hear others play instruments

Classical Music	Instrumental Music	Music Sheets
CD Players	Tape Players	Instruments
Rhythm Sticks		

Creative

- Provide opportunities for children to act out their imagination
- Provide opportunities for children to act out favorite stories
- Provide opportunities for children to molding materials
- Provide opportunities for children to dance to music

Playdough	Clay	Silly Putty
Fun Noodles	Words with Alphabet Playdough Stamps	
Number Sheets—Roll Out Balls to correspond with number		
Pipe Cleaners—etc....		
Number Letter Cards to Make with Clay		
Alphabet Builder Letter Cards—roll out playdough & form letter		
Scarves	Streamers	Ribbon Streamers

Building

- Provide a variety of building materials to use
- Provide opportunities for children to build theme based structures
- Provide opportunities for children to develop spatial relationship skills through building materials
- Provide building materials and instruction for complex structures
- Provide opportunities for children to create instructed, specific structures

Wood Blocks	"Tree" Blocks	White Blocks (ice blocks)
Colored Small Blocks	Foam Blocks	Hollow Blocks
Bead Blocks	Water Blocks	Cardboard Blocks
Animal Props	People Props	Variety of Building Props
Vehicle Props	Flooring Props	Empty Boxes

Building Plan	Road Map	House Plans
Food Boxes	Logs	Easter Grass
Rain Gutters	Real Tree Branches	Plastic Tubes
Strawberry Baskets	Fabric Pieces	Styrofoam Trays
Thread Spools	Plastic Trees or Bushes	Yarn/String
Toilet Paper Rolls	Paper Towel Rolls	Rocks
Pinecones	Sea Shells	Plastic Lids
Pictures Of Their Creations	Foil	Popsicle Sticks
Cellophane	Tongue Depressors	Pipe Cleaners
Buttons	Flags	Cardboard for Roofs
Marbles	Hardhat / Measuring Tape /	Rulers / Goggles
Puzzles	Floor Puzzles	Peg Puzzles
Legos	Bristle Blocks	Peg Boards
Geo Boards	Stringing Beads	Lacing Cards
Connecting Blocks	Shape & Size Boards	Marble Game
Lincoln Logs	Chalk Boards/Chalk	Dry Erase Boards
Stacking Blocks	Tile Designs	Train
Pattern Blocks	Magnetic Maze	Magnetic Letters
Magnetic Shapes	Blocks & Patterns	Snap Blocks
Hammers & Tees	Number Stepping Feet	Sequence Blocks
Dominos	Bug Builders	Gears

Discovery

- Provide opportunities for children to explore
- Provide opportunities for children to experiment to see cause & effect
- Provide opportunities for children to explore "real" items
- Provide opportunities for children to estimate, make predictions, and record findings
- Provide opportunities for children to grow & sprout things

Five Senses Items:

different smells	different textures	different sound bottles
feely box	sensory walk	

Live Items:

Plants		
Seeds sprouting:	beans	carrot tops
	sweet potato	lima beans
	popcorn seeds	bird seed

Float & Sink Items:

Rocks	corks	styrofoam pieces
Plastic	feathers	marbles
wood pieces		

Nature Items:

pine cones	different leaves	barks
rock collection	seed pods	seeds & packets
parts of tree	tree moss	

Magnets:

items that stick / items that don't		magnetic wands
magnetic disks	magnetic balls	large magnets
paper clips in bottle w/ wand		

Animal Foods:

farm animal foods	hay	cracked corn
cotton seed	pet foods	cat food
fish food	dog food	rabbit pellets

Water Bottles:

rainbow colored waters	tornado tubes	sand in bottles
glitter	confetti	corn starch & marble

styrofoam beads and water	oil and colored water	
Metal / Plastic / Wood Items:		
Spring Time:		
Tadpoles	butterfly kits	pond animals
bird nests	honey comb	ladybugs
wasp nest	snail farm	
flowers & seed packets	rolly polly farm	silk worms
praying mantis eggs caterpillars	ant farm	different flowers
sprout grass seed	earth worms & dirt	frog life cycle
bird house	sprout bird seed on sponge	
Ocean:		
sea shells	sand	masks & flippers
real fish from store	real octopus from	store
fish net	sail boats	starfish
sea horse	plastic sea animals	
Fall Time:		
different nuts	nature walk	scarecrows
pumpkin vine	wheat stalks	ghords
Indian corn	real vegetables	pumpkins
squashes	leaves	seed pods
cotton plant	acorns	
pumpkin plant growing		
Things In The Sky:		
Pinwheels	kalidescopes	kite
Balloons	look at clouds	bubbles
rainbow bottles	prism	
Textures:		
sandpaper	cotton	velvet
bubble wrap	wood	lace
styrofoam	metal	sponge
plastic		
Community Helpers:		
Stethoscope	teeth impressions	large toothbrush
teeth x-rays	old cast	tire pump
keyboard	briefcase	
doctor bag & instruments	community helper vehicles	
community helper figures		
Miscellaneous:		
fan & items: do they blow or not	stacking blocks	rolling items
cooked spaghetti	telescope	binoculars
color paddles	tape measure	vibration microphone
weigh & measure children	different bell sounds	water bottle
xylophone	goop	scales
Farm:		
hatch eggs in incubator	make butter	farm animal foods
different colored eggs	hay	corn stalks
corn meal	real animal visit	celery drinking water
Space:		
Flashlights	shadows	
glow in the dark stars	magnet items	balloons
kaleidoscopes	prisms	space items
parachute	black sheet	
Winter:		
melting ice	collecting rain	rain stick
block of ice	crushed ice & mittens	real snow
winter clothes	white carnation drinking	colored water

thermometers

Zoo / Reptiles:

animal skins fabrics
lizard skin
plastic animals
real animal visit

animal face masks
raccoon hat
animal foods

snake skin
turtle shells
animal sound tape

Pre-reading

- **Provide opportunities for children to develop interest in literature**
- **Provide opportunities for children to develop interest in letters & print**
- **Provide opportunities for children to develop correlation of written word and print**
- **Provide a variety of materials that spur interest in reading**

Books With Tapes
Picture Books / No Words
Board Books
Books With Simple Words & Picture
Bean Bags / Chairs / Pillows
Dictation of art
Bob books—Reading Books
Books
Flannel Pieces Of Stories Kids Know
Cassette Player With Music Tapes
Ear Phones With Book & Tape
Questions The Child Can Answer

Repetitive Books
Beginning Reader Books
Beginning Words In Print
Stuffed Animals
Posters On Wall
Small books with phonetic sounds
Photo Album Of Kids & Activities
Classroom Labels
Alphabet Chart
Beginning Sounds
View Masters And Cards

Pre-writing

- **Provide opportunities for children to develop interest in letter formation**
- **Provide opportunities for children to recognize written print through labels**
- **Provide opportunities for children to dictate stories**
- **Provide opportunities for children to develop correlation of written word and print**

Large Pencils
Crayons
Colored Pencils
Chalkboards/Chalk
Dotted Lines To Trace
Food Boxes
Alphabet Stencils
Name Plates With Name Printed On Them
Alphabet Matching Game
Alphabet Stamps & Pads
Simple Words With Pictures To Trace
Name Book With Stamps
Number Drawing Mazes
Alphabet Drawing Mazes
Questions To Answer-Write Kids Thoughts
Fill In Stories To Dictate With Teacher
Color Language Poster—Make A List Of What's That Color
Magnetic Alphabet Letters & Cookie Tray
Copy book words
Magnetic letters—spell out letters from familiar books
Friends Nameplates—write their names
Alphabet Stamp Pads with Word Pictures / Paper
White Boards With Food Boxes To Copy Words
Tracing Name Papers
Wipe Off letter cards

Pens
Markers
Dry Erase Markers
Dry Erase Boards
Laminated Alphabet Chart To Trace
Tracing Shapes
Clear Laminated Coversheet
Laminated Number Chart To Trace
Magnetic Alphabet Boards
Number Stamps & Pads
Alphabet Books With Stamps
Number Book With Stamps
Magna Doodles
Clipboards & Paper
Phone Message Pads
Labels of food
Words with stamps
Stamps
White boards with Flash Cards
Alphabet Sheet With Alphabet Stamps
Number Sheet With Numbers / Stickers
Tracing Alphabet
Mini Books / Stamps

Other Center Options:

Sensory

- Provide opportunities for children to pour & measure
- Provide opportunities for children to experience textures

Cognitive

- Provide opportunities for children to use materials to develop skills:
 - Numeracy
 - Phonetics
 - Auditory Memory
 - Visual Memory
 - Opposites
 - Rhyming
 - Sequencing
 - Positions
 - Spatial Relations
- Provide opportunities for children to expand on their knowledge of a variety of skills

Counting Jar	Number Pages
Muffin Tins with #'s	Sorting Trays
Felt Patterning Pieces	Classification Items
Scales	Unifex Cubes
Sorting Items	Number Puzzles
Number Stamps	Number Pages with Stickers
Number Books	Graphs
Counting Activities	Matching Activities
Pairing Activities	Sequencing Activities
Comparing Activities	Abacus
Counting Items	Sorting Alphabet Manipulatives
Large Collage Alphabet Letter	Letter Can
Alphabet Sticker Book	Salt Tray—Drawing Letters
Letter Builders	Playdough—Rolling Out Letters
Chalkboards & Writing Letters	Group Letter Activities
Alphabet Puzzle with Word Cards	Alphabet Stamps & Simple Word Cards
Laminated Activity Sheets	Peek Pockets
All About Chart	Flash Cards
Alphabet Blocks—match capital letter with lower case letter	
Stretch Words	Word Familiar Books
Magnetic Letters	Mini Books
Chalkboards /White Boards	Laminated Activity Sheets
Worksheets—table time	Addition
Unifex Cube Patterns	
Large Dice with White Boards—roll dice & write number	
Addition & Subtraction with Clothespin & Number Line	
Laminated Activity Charts	
Pattern—small—medium—large	
Skip Counting with Number Line & Clothespin / write number's down	
White Paper / Receipt Tablets / Date Stamps	
Alphabet Stamp Pads with Word Pictures / Paper	
Alphabet Sheet With Alphabet Stamps	
White Boards With Food Boxes To Copy Words	
Number Sheet With Numbers / Stickers	