

# The Creative Curriculum<sup>®</sup> for Preschool

## Materials for Investigations

These materials for investigations are not packaged with *The Creative Curriculum<sup>®</sup> for Preschool*. Some are necessary; others are optional enhancements. The *Intentional Teaching Cards<sup>™</sup>*, *Mighty Minutes<sup>®</sup>*, and *Teaching Guides* identify which of these materials you will need for particular activities. As you conduct studies and plan your day, think about the resources readily available in your school and community. You may have similar materials that you can substitute for items on the list.

### Teaching Guides

#### Beginning the Year: Interest Areas

<b>Blocks</b>	cars and trucks, variety of block shapes
<b>Dramatic Play</b>	dress-up clothes
<b>Music and Movement</b>	instruments; rhythm sticks; beanbags; variety of bells or other instruments; other materials that can be used as instruments, such as empty containers
<b>Art</b>	mirrors, collage materials, safety scissors (right- and left-handed), paper, thick markers, molding dough
<b>Library</b>	personal journal for each child (newsprint pages with construction paper covers), variety of writing tools, books about families, materials for making cards, books about friends
<b>Discovery</b>	collection of familiar items found in the classroom, magnifying glasses, textured materials used to make sounds (crinkly paper or corrugated cardboard)
<b>Sand and Water</b>	measuring cups, measuring spoons, mixing spoons, whisks, variety of glass containers, food coloring, funnel
<b>Toys and Games</b>	puzzles, interlocking building materials, magnetic letters, geoboards and geobands
<b>Cooking</b>	equipment and ingredients for selected recipe
<b>Technology</b>	headphones and interesting audio clips



## Trees Study: Interest Areas

<b>Dramatic Play</b>	materials to construct a large tree, realistic animal puppets, materials for building tree homes, props to act out <i>Henny Penny</i>
<b>Music and Movement</b>	wooden instruments
<b>Art</b>	photos of a variety of trees, evergreen sprigs to use as painting tools, tree bark, materials to make class books, landscape painting
<b>Library</b>	books about trees, books about tree-grown foods and the animals that eat them
<b>Discovery</b>	collection of tree parts, crayons and paper for leaf rubbings, leaves, wood, sandpaper, digital camera, woodworking tools, small trees or tree seeds, pots, potting soil, scale, magnifying glasses
<b>Toys and Games</b>	tree photos to sort
<b>Outdoors</b>	hula hoops or lengths of string/yarn, clipboards, binoculars, clear tape



## Clothes Study: Interest Areas

<b>Blocks</b>	standard measuring tools (e.g., rulers, yardsticks, measuring tapes), play people in uniforms or work clothes
<b>Dramatic Play</b>	laundry baskets, clothing collection, hangers and clothespins, doll clothes, cloth samples that represent familiar clothing, class loom, props for setting up a clothing store, work clothes, costumes, family photos or an album with photos of other people
<b>Art</b>	fabric scraps, clothing of different sizes and features, large paper for body tracings, butcher paper, paper strips for weaving
<b>Library</b>	books about clothes; props related to <i>Goldilocks and the Three Bears</i> ; letter stamps; clothesline story ( <i>Intentional Teaching Card LL09</i> ) and pocket storytelling ( <i>Intentional Teaching Card LL33</i> ) props
<b>Sand and Water</b>	powder, liquid, and bar soaps; egg beaters; whisks
<b>Toys and Games</b>	baby, child, and adult clothes; nonstandard measuring tools; matching fabric scraps; shape cards; button and lacing boards
<b>Outdoors</b>	scarves, sidewalk chalk, measuring tapes and rulers, fabric strips





## Balls Study: Interest Areas

<b>Blocks</b>	ramps, "wrecking ball" (beach ball tied to a long piece of yarn), cardboard blocks
<b>Art</b>	thin strips (1–2 inches wide) of newspaper or paper towels, glue, balloons, materials for thank-you notes
<b>Library</b>	books about balls
<b>Discovery</b>	basket of 10–20 small balls of the same kind (e.g., golf balls), small scale, spherical natural items, balls that can and cannot be cut open, deflated balls, pumps, magnifying glasses
<b>Toys and Games</b>	ball collection, containers to organize ball collection, box with lid, interesting collection of small balls, sorting trays, spheres and circles to sort, tools to measure height and circumference, three-dimensional shapes to sort, beads and laces
<b>Outdoors</b>	variety of balls, bubble solution, wands

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Study: Interest Areas

<b>Blocks</b>	garbage trucks, empty boxes of various sizes
<b>Dramatic Play</b>	wrapping paper scraps
<b>Art</b>	collage items, some of the junk items described in <i>Don't Lose It – Reuse It!</i> , materials to make costumes and props
<b>Library</b>	supplemental books about trash, garbage, and recycling; cardboard or poster board
<b>Discovery</b>	junk collection, items to take apart (e.g., old telephones and radios), screwdrivers, can crusher, empty cans, two identical small trash cans or other identical containers
<b>Toys and Games</b>	"bowling pins" made from plastic bottles partially filled with sand or rocks, soft ball



## Buildings Study: Interest Areas

<b>Blocks</b>	pictures of buildings, props related to buildings in your neighborhood, carpenter's rulers, measuring tapes, T-squares, tool belt, hard hat, toolkit, blueprints, floor plans, unit blocks, masking tape, big boxes
<b>Dramatic Play</b>	props that relate to the inside of the neighborhood building visited
<b>Art</b>	magazines with pictures of buildings, hammer, nails, soft wood, craft sticks, molding clay, empty milk cartons, scissors
<b>Library</b>	books about building and construction, props for retelling <i>The Three Little Pigs</i> , books with pictures of buildings in other places
<b>Discovery</b>	sample building materials (e.g., brick, wood, steel, and cinder block), nuts and bolts, magnifying glasses
<b>Sand and Water</b>	small construction vehicles, forms and containers to mold wet sand
<b>Toys and Games</b>	different kinds of open-ended connecting blocks, collections of material samples (e.g., paint sample cards, carpet squares, wallpaper books, tiles)



# Intentional Teaching Cards™

## Language & Literacy



- computer and printer
- ring to hold each child's word bank cards together
- bookbinding supplies (e.g., hole punch, metal rings, stapler)
- lamination supplies or clear contact paper
- 2 sets of alphabet cards
- textured alphabet cards
- 26 bean-shaped alphabet cards
- 5 special "Jumping Bean" cards
- magnetic letters
- letter manipulatives
- pairs of objects with rhyming names
- rubber alphabet stamps
- colored inkpads
- magnetic boards and letters
- large magnet
- memory game, lotto game, or a set of duplicate pictures or objects
- felt or craft foam
- pictures of objects with two-phoneme names
- pictures of familiar animals
- environmental print
- photos of road and store signs
- empty food and other commercial product containers
- coupons
- shaving cream
- art smocks
- sentence strips or sticky notes
- colorful tape
- collections of small manipulatives
- audio equipment
- audio recorder
- ingredients for various recipes
- cutting board
- large pitcher
- juicer
- paper cups
- blender or food processor
- colander
- spatula
- pizza pan
- pot holders
- large paper clip or hook-and-loop fasteners
- clothesline
- clothespins
- books about the alphabet
- dictionary
- wordless storybooks
- storytelling props
- large can
- basket
- grocery bag
- resealable bags
- envelopes
- plastic tub
- camping gear or pictures of camping gear
- color paddle
- sticks
- journal for each child
- small clipboards
- chart paper

## Physical

- toothpicks
- shoelaces
- molding dough and tools
- pastry brush
- fork
- foil
- ice cube trays
- food coloring
- paper towels
- scoops for catching
- 7-foot long jump rope
- long scarf
- yarn
- ribbon or crepe paper
- short jump ropes
- recorded music
- hoops or baskets
- plastic bottles
- low balance beam (wooden or foam)
- playground balls
- foam balls
- foam paddles
- paintbrushes and paint
- eyedropper
- palette or large plate
- balloons
- personal journal for each child
- beanbags

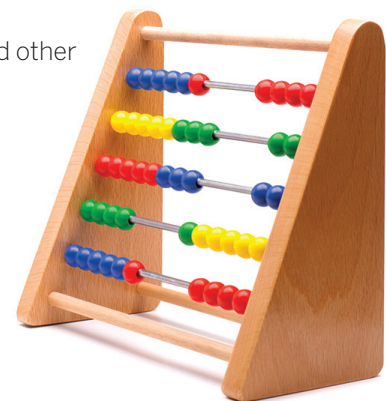


# Intentional Teaching Cards™, continued

## Mathematics



- numeral cards
- quantity cards
- numeral/quantity cards
- shape cards
- two-dimensional shapes
- plastic links or yarn
- geoboards and bands
- puzzles or puzzle cards
- geometric solids
- blank-faced cubes
- variety of spherical objects
- paper clips
- attribute blocks
- action cards
- small manipulatives
- counters in various colors
- interlocking cubes
- paper or plastic dishes
- paper plates
- napkins
- utensils
- cups
- drinking straws
- placemats
- timer
- pastry cutter
- rolling pin
- egg cartons
- large stockpot
- vegetable peeler
- baking dish
- pie plate
- saucepans
- electric mixer
- skillet or griddle
- drinking glasses, glass jars, or bottles
- potato masher
- ladle
- can opener
- paper towels
- small cups or bowls
- measuring tools
- ice cube tray
- scale
- funnel
- cookie cutters
- parchment paper
- baking pans
- cutting board
- whisk
- food coloring
- measuring cups
- blender
- small brushes
- sheet or long piece of cloth
- floor covering samples
- photographs of various floor coverings
- photographs of various land forms and bodies of water
- photographs or drawings of trains
- photographs that show patterns
- resealable bags
- basket or tub
- clear plastic containers
- empty containers
- large jar with screw-on lid
- containers with lids
- large plastic guessing jar
- fishing poles (dowels, string, magnet)
- fish cards
- modeling dough or clay
- clothesline and pins
- cotton balls
- beanbags
- collage materials
- stickers
- shape stickers
- pipe cleaners
- ribbon
- rope
- nesting dolls
- overhead projector or flashlights
- transparent film
- collection of socks
- magazines, newspapers, catalogs
- board games with dice and playing pieces
- more-fewer spinner
- dice
- table tennis balls and other balls that bounce
- tongs
- small net
- chart paper
- large graph paper
- pocket chart
- clipboard



# Intentional Teaching Cards™ continued

## Social-Emotional



- name card with photo for each child
- small laminated cards with photo for each child
- large can
- attendance chart with pockets for name cards
- rocking chair, beanbag chair, or pillows
- soothing music
- books in which the characters experience a range of emotions
- real or pretend microphone
- large cookie sheet
- magnets
- small clipboards
- chart paper

## Mighty Minutes®

- chart paper
- sentence strips
- props that relate to various jobs
- numeral cards
- name cards
- letter cards
- shape cards
- small manipulatives
- geometric solids
- small items that jingle (e.g., coins, marbles, or small bells)
- recorded music
- raw, hard-boiled, and plastic eggs
- egg shaker or maracas
- small plastic bags filled with cotton balls
- empty paper towel rolls
- magnet
- drum
- pom-poms
- megaphone
- masking tape or yarn
- scarves, streamers, or ribbons
- ball
- hula hoops
- small basket
- small decorative box
- “Feely Box” to hide objects



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