



BLOCKS

CHILDREN LEARN...

to see space and shape: Geometry
to plan and design: Engineering ability
problem solving
math and communication

Open Ended Questions/Conversation Starters

- 🌱 Tell me about what you are making.
- 🌱 Can you put them (the materials) together another way?
- 🌱 What would happen if...?



CREATIVE ART

CHILDREN LEARN...

to use a variety of materials
creativity and interest in art
sensory and color awareness
small muscle skills

Open Ended Questions/Conversation Starters

- 🍃 Tell me about what you are making.
- 🍃 How does drawing/painting make you feel?
- 🍃 What do you think we can do with...(this material)?



DRAMATIC PLAY

CHILDREN LEARN...

language skills and vocabulary
to expand their imagination
to manage emotions and work with others
to practice self help skills

Open Ended Questions/Conversation Starters

- 🌱 What would you like to pretend to do?
- 🌱 What do you think might happen if...?
- 🌱 What would you like to ask your friend to do with you?



LANGUAGE & LITERACY

CHILDREN LEARN...

listening skills




vocabulary, grammar and critical thinking

reading readiness skills

to communicate ideas and concerns

to recall and sequence events

Open Ended Questions/Conversation Starters

-  What do you like about that story? Why?
 -  What would you do if you were in the story?
 -  Tell me about what the puppets are doing.
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LIBRARY

CHILDREN LEARN...

to enjoy books and reading
to listen and increase vocabulary
to imagine and expand their world
about concepts, people, and places

Open Ended Questions

- 🌱 Which book would you like to read today? Why?
 - 🌱 Have you ever felt like...(name a character in the book)?
 - 🌱 What do you think might happen next?
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MANIPULATIVES

CHILDREN LEARN...

reasoning skills
hand-eye coordination
patterning and sequencing
to observe detail
to sort and count

Open Ended Questions/Conversation Starters

- 🌱 How does this work? Which way?
- 🌱 What would you like to make? How will you make it?
- 🌱 How do these pieces fit together?



MATH

CHILDREN LEARN...

to sort and count

1 to 1 correspondence

patterns and recognizing sets: Algebra

graphing and estimating

Open Ended Questions/Conversation Starters

🌱 Which is the longest, shortest, tallest?

🌱 How are these alike? Different?

🌱 How many things do you think are here?
(Estimation)

🌱 Do you like this or that? How come?
(Graphing)



MUSIC & MOVEMENT

CHILDREN LEARN...

rhythm and singing (improves reading fluency)
listening sound discrimination
auditory memory
cultural awareness and creativity
coordination and balance

Open Ended Questions/Conversation Starters

- 🌱 How does this music make you feel?
 - 🌱 Tell me about what you are doing.
 - 🌱 What do you like best about this music and/or instrument?
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SCIENCE & SENSORY

CHILDREN LEARN...

physics, biology, chemistry, physiology
to develop a sense of touch
thinking and problem solving skills
sensory awareness and observation skills
to investigate their environment

Open Ended Questions/Conversation Starters

- 🌱 Tell me what you are doing.
 - 🌱 What do you notice/see?
 - 🌱 What do you think about...?
 - 🌱 How does this feel? Look? Smell?
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WRITING AREA

CHILDREN LEARN...

- the stages of writing
- to dictate ideas and see their own words on paper
- to copy letters, signs, and symbols
- how to use a variety of writing materials

Open Ended Questions/Conversation Starters

- 🍃 What would you like to write about today?
- 🍃 What are your favorite things to write about?
- 🍃 What things in this area do you like to use the most? Why?