



Center Classroom Equipment List

The following lists are suggested equipment lists for the age groups mentioned and the number of children stated. The list is developed from opinions of various past and present child care providers, as well as from literature about operating a child care center. There are many factors in determining what equipment and supplies will be purchased, these lists are meant to be a starting point and guideline for child care providers, with the assumption that an individual provider will make adaptations as necessary or as seen fit.

Some important items are *not* included in these lists for the reason of keeping the lists to a reasonable length. Some of these items are: teacher resources, furniture for a teacher lounge area, first aid, office, kitchen, and housekeeping (sanitizing) supplies.

Infant Room (6 infants)

Equipment and Furniture

- 1 Rocking chair
- 1 Adult sized chair
- 3 Chairs/seats for infants
- 1 low round table
- 6 Cubbies or storage lockers
- 2 Wall storage units
- 1 Toy shelf, low to ground
- 1/ 6-passenger buggy
- 3 Adjustable high chairs
- 6 Bumper pads for crib
- 6 Adjustable cribs
- 12 Crib blankets
- 12 Crib sheets
- 1 Changing table and pad
- 1 End shelf unit with paper roll (for end of changing table)
- 1 Diaper pail with disposable liners
- 1 Wall mounted sanitizer dispenser
- Baby gates
- 2 Bottle warmers
- 1 Large thick foam mat for floor/carpet
- 1 Horizontal wall mirror (eye-level to infants)
- 1 Soft mat climber with ramps
- 1 Cork bulletin board
- Art on walls (eye-level to infants)
- Bucket for toys
- 1 Fire resistant trash can with disposable liners
- 1 Small refrigerator
- Area rugs
- Dolls
- Soft animal toys
- Textured toys

Language and Listening

- 1 Portable CD/cassette player
- 1 Lullaby tape set
- Board books
- Other books with pictures of familiar objects
- 4 Soft washable baby dolls
- 4 Soft puppets
- 1 Piano playmat
- 6 Instruments

Large and small muscle play

- 2-3 Sets of soft blocks
- 2 Mobiles
- 2 Activity gyms (infant lays underneath)
- 3 Stacking rings, cups
- 3 Rattles
- 2 Push/pull toys
- 3 Soft balls of different sizes
- 4 Sets of plastic keys
- 3-5 Other toys that rattle and are colorful
- Teething rings

Toddler Room (9 toddlers)

Equipment and furniture

- 3 Large shelving units for toys and blocks, possibly hideaway type and/or moveable
- Shelving units or storage system for art supplies
- 2 other shelving units (one out of children's reach)
- 9 Storage lockers/cubbies
- 2 Toddler tables (seats 4-6 children)
- 2 Adjustable tables (15"-24" legs)
- 6-9 Adjustable high chairs or toddler tables with built in seats
- 2 Rocking chairs
- 1 Adult chair
- 6 Toddler chairs with arms
- 9 Stackable toddler cots/cribs (with sheets, blankets, and bumper pads)
- 2 Beanbag chairs
- 1 Toddler library, 4-sided book shelf
- 1 Changing table with steps and pad
- 1 End shelf unit with paper roll (for end of changing table)
- 1 Diaper pail with disposable liners
- 1 Wall-mount sanitizer
- 1 Toddler soft tunnel climber
- 1 Tumbling mat
- 1 Push/pull wagon
- 1 Play kitchen unit
- 2 Baby carriage
- 2 Doll cradle
- 1 Colorful rug, 8'4" x 11'8"
- 1 Cork bulletin board
- 1 or 2 Wall-mounted mirrors (eye-level for toddlers)
- 1 Sand and water table
- 2 Easels/drying racks
- Art on walls (eye-level for toddlers)
- 1 Fire resistant trash can with disposable liners
- 1 Small refrigerator
- Area rugs

Dramatic Play

- 1 Set kitchen foods, utensils, and pots
- 2 Play phones
- 6 Soft washable baby dolls
- Set of puppets
- Dolls
- Dollhouse and furnishings
- 2 toy telephones
- Toy animals

Block Play

- 1 Set of wood blocks (about 65 pieces)
- 1 Set soft big blocks (about 30 pieces)
- 1 Farm/barn set with rubber animals

Sand and Water

- 1 Set geometric shaped molds
- 2 dump trucks/bulldozers
- 1 Sand set with buckets, scoops, rakes, trowels, sieves, and molds
- Plastic scoops and funnels

Language, Listening, and Music

- 1 Portable CD/cassette player
- Board books
- Soft touch board books
- 1 Puppet set
- Big books
- Cassette/CD Library
- Instrument set

Manipulatives

- 9 (or so) Puzzle boards (with knobs)
- 1 peg and shape sorter
- 2 stacking rings
- Large beads for stringing

Arts and Crafts

- 1 Large plastic mess mat
- 1 Set of 12 large paintbrushes
- 1 Sponge painting set
- 6 Paint pots with lids
- 4 Gallons varied colors washable Tempera
- Finger paint
- 12 Boxes large crayons
- Construction paper
- Easel paper
- Manila drawing paper
- 2 Sets fun dough
- 1 Gallon glue
- 9 Clay presses
- 3 Rolling pins
- 9 Clay hammers
- 2 Clay cutter sets
- 6 Smocks

Science/Nature

- Magnets
- Magnifying glass
- Plastic color paddles
- Tubs
- Living things - plants, fish tank, etc.

Active play

- 6 Toddler trikes
- 6 Toddler helmet
- 5 Indestructible balls
- 1 Play climber
- 3 Push/pull toys

Two Year Old Room (12 Two Year Olds)

Equipment and Furniture

- 3 Large shelving units for toys and blocks, possibly hideaway type and/or moveable
- Shelving units or storage system for art supplies
- 2 other shelving units (one out of children's reach)
- 12 Storage lockers/cubbies
- 2 Toddler tables (seats 4-6 children)
- 2 Adjustable tables (15"-24" legs)
- 2 Rocking chairs
- 1 Adult chair
- 12 Toddler chairs with arms
- 1 Play kitchen
- 2 Baby carriage
- 2 Doll cradle
- 1 Sand and water table
- 1 Play climber
- 2 Beanbag chairs
- Several soft cushions
- 1 bookshelf/library
- 2 Easel/ drying rack
- 1 Wall mirror (eye-level for two year olds)
- 1 Tumbling mat
- 2 Push/pull wagon
- 3 Rocking toy (boat, etc.)
- 1 Changing table with steps and pad
- 1 End shelf unit for changing table
- 1 Wall-mount sanitizer
- 1 Diaper pail with disposable liners
- 1 Colorful rug
- 12 Stackable toddler cots
- 1 Cork board
- Art on walls (eye-level for two year olds)
- 1 Fire resistant trash can with disposable liners
- 1 Small refrigerator

Dramatic Play

- 1 Set kitchen foods and utensils
- 2 Play push-button phone
- Toys: i.e.: Tea set, shopping cart
- 1 Doctor's kit
- Dress-up hats and clothes, various themes
- 4 Washable baby dolls
- Puppets

Block Play

- 1 Set of wood/plastic blocks (about 65 pieces)
- 3 Play vehicles
- 3 Farm/barn sets with rubber animals
- 1 Set of large blocks (cardboard)

Sand and Water

- 1 Set geometric shaped molds
- 2 dump trucks/bulldozers
- 1 Sand set with buckets, scoops, rakes, trowels, sieves, and molds
- Plastic scoops and funnels

Manipulatives

- 9 (or so) Puzzle boards (with knobs)
- 2 peg and shape sorters
- 1 Wire maze
- 2 Sets plastic interlocking blocks (i.e.: Megablocks or Duplo)
- Large beads for stringing

Arts and Crafts

- 1 Large plastic mess mat
- 2 Sets of 12 large paintbrushes
- 1 Sponge painting set
- 12 Paint pots with lids
- 4 Gallons varied colors washable Tempera
- Water colors
- 12 Boxes large toddler crayons
- Felt pens
- Construction paper
- Easel paper
- Manila drawing paper
- Collage materials
- 6 Sets fun dough
- 2 Gallons glue
- 12 Clay hammers
- 2 Clay cutter sets
- 6 Clay press
- 4 Rolling pin
- 24 Pair child- size scissors
- 12 Smocks
- Tongue depressors (for glue and paint)

Science/nature

- Magnets
- Magnifying glass
- Plastic color paddles
- Collections (shells, rocks, etc.)
- Living things (plants, fish)
- Games (i.e.: matching cards)

Math/number

- Small objects to count
- Balancing scales
- Rulers
- Number puzzles
- Number games (Lotto, dominoes, etc.)
- Geometric shapes

Two Year Old Room (12 Two Year Olds), continued

Language, Listening, and Music

- Portable CD/cassette player
- Variety of books (include: board books, big picture books)
- 1 Puppet set
- Big books
- Cassette/CD Library
- Several instrument set (different types)
- 1 Flannel board

Active play

- 6 Toddler trikes
- 6 Toddler helmet
- 5 Indestructible balls
- 1 Play climber
- 1 Wagon
- 6 Bean bags
- 1 Tunnel/maze play item
- 3 riding toys
- Outdoor playground equipment
- 1 Parachute
- Bubbles
- Sidewalk chalk

Preschool Room (20 Preschoolers)

Equipment and Furniture

- 20 Storage lockers
- 3 Large shelving units for toys and blocks, possibly hideaway type and/or moveable
- Shelving units or storage system for art supplies
- 2 other shelving units (one out of children's reach)
- 20 Storage trays/bins with lids
- 1 Double-sided library
- 1 Audio center cabinet
- 1 Computer table
- 4/ 24" x 48" tables
- 20 Chairs
- 1 Loft system
- 1 Couch
- 1 Rug
- 20 Stacking cots
- 1 Mobile storage cart
- 1 Play kitchen
- 2 Easels/drying rack
- Art on walls (eye-level to preschoolers)
- 2 Beanbag chairs
- Pillows (for 'cozy corner')
- 1 Fire resistant trash can with disposable liners
- Indoor climber
- Bulletin boards

Dramatic Play

- Kitchen foods and utensils
- Pots and pans
- 5 Puppets
- Housecleaning supplies
- 2 Telephones
- 2 Wall mirrors
- 5 Dolls
- Doll clothes
- 1 Dollhouse
- 1 Dollhouse furniture set
- Dollhouse figures
- Dress-up clothes, various themes

Block Play

- 2 Sets of wood blocks (about 65 pieces)
- 6 Play vehicles
- 2 Farm/barn sets with rubber animals
- 2 Sets jumbo plastic stacking blocks
- 2 Sets cardboard "brick" blocks
- 1 Tunnel/bridge set
- 1 Town/street play mat
- 2 Sets small cars

Sand and Water

- Sand and water table
- 2 Sets geometric shaped molds

Language, Listening , and Music

- 1 Portable CD/cassette player
- 1 Flannelboard
- Felt primary shapes
- Flannel story boards
- Tactile letters
- Sequencing, shapes, and patterns cards
- CD and cassette library
- Various children's books
- 2 Instrument sets
- 1 Listening center set

Manipulatives

- 1 Set jumbo stacking blocks (50 pieces or more)
- 7-8 Various sets interlocking blocks
(i.e.: LEGOs, gears, bristle bricks, snap together cubes, Tinker Toys, etc.)
- 1 Set plastic play people
- 1 Set lacing buttons/beads
- 1 Set threading spools
- 2 Sets wire mazes
- 1 Set latch/lock box
- 15 (or more)Knobbed puzzles with rack
- 15 (or more) Preschool puzzles (varying difficulty)
- 2 Floor puzzles

Arts and Crafts

- 2 large plastic mess mat
- 1 Set of 20 large paintbrushes
- 2 Sponge painting sets
- 12 Paint pots with lids
- 6 Gallons varied colors washable Tempera
- 6 Gallons finger paint
- 20 Boxes crayons
- Construction paper
- Easel paper
- Manila drawing paper
- Newsprint paper
- 3 Sets fun dough
- 3 Gallons glue
- Collage materials
- 15 Clay hammers
- 3 Clay cutter sets
- 3 Clay presses
- 5 Rolling pins
- 20 Child scissors
- 20 Packs markers (washable)
- 20 Smocks
- Packs of large beads
- 3 Packs paper plates

Science/nature

- 1 Giant magnet (10" high or more)
- 1 Set of magnet wands
- 1 Magnet kit
- 1 Set color paddles
- 3 Magnifying glasses
- 1 Dinosaur set

Preschool Room
(20 Preschoolers) continued...

Sand and water, continued

- 3 dump trucks/bulldozers
- 2 Sand sets with buckets, scoops, rakes, trowels, sieves, and molds
- Plastic scoops and funnels

Math

- 1 Color and shapes BINGO
- 2 Lotto games
- 1 Wooden primary color shape sorter
- Large and small objects to count
- 1 Sorting kit
- 1 Set blocks and pattern cards
- 1 Set number pegboards
- 1 Set pegboards
- 1 Preschool measurement kit
- Balancing scales
- Rulers

Woodworking

- 1 Tool set for ages 4 and 5
- 1 Workbench
- 2 Pair safety goggles
- 1 Tool box
- Scrap wood, various sizes

Science/nature, continued

- Living things (plants, fish, etc.)
- Collections (rocks, shells, etc.)
- Games (i.e.: nature matching cards)

Active Play

- 10 Preschool helmets
- 10 Trikes
- 2 Tumbling mats
- 10 Rubber balls, various sizes
- 6 Bean bags
- 1 Balance beam
- 1 Parachute
- 1 Playhouse climber
- 2 Wagons
- 1 Ring toss
- Kites
- Outdoor playground equipment

School-Age Room (30 School-Agers)

Equipment and Furniture

- 30 storage lockers
- 5 Shelf units
- 4 Hide-away storage cabinets
- 30 Storage trays/bins with lids
- 2 Double-sided library
- 5 Tables
- 35 Chairs
- 1 Couch
- 2 Rugs
- 1 Mobile storage cart
- 2 Easels/drying rack
- Art on walls (eye-level to school-agers)
- 3 Beanbag chairs
- Pillows (for 'cozy corner')
- 1 Dry erase board
- 1 Fire resistant trash can with disposable liners
- Bulletin boards

Dramatic Play

- 1 Table and chairs set
- Play kitchen
- Kitchen foods and utensils
- Pots and pans
- 1 Set tableware
- 10 Puppets
- Housecleaning supplies
- 3 Telephones
- 2 Wall mirrors
- Clothes Tree
- 1 Doll bed
- 5 Dolls
- Doll clothes
- 1 Dollhouse
- 1 Dollhouse furniture set
- Dollhouse figures
- Dress-up clothes, various themes
- 1 Cash register (and play money)
- 2 Doctor kits

Block Play

- 2 Large sets of wooden blocks
- 10 Play vehicles
- 3 Farm/barn/dinosaur sets of rubber animals
- 2 Sets cardboard "brick" blocks
- 3 Tunnel/bridge set

Sand and Water

- Sand and water table
- 2 Sets alphabet molds
- 2 Sand sets with buckets, scoops, rakes, trowels, sieves, and molds
- Plastic scoops and funnels
- 1 Water pump or water/sand wheel

Language, Listening , and Music

- 1 Portable CD/cassette player
- 1 Flannelboard with easel
- Felt letters and shapes
- Flannel story boards
- CD and cassette library
- 1 Magnetic letter set
- Various children's books and magazines(include dictionaries of various levels)
- 2 Instrument sets
- 5 Small chalkboards
- Letters and numbers stamp set
- 2 packages letter and word cards
- 2 Word BINGO games
- 10 Board games

Manipulatives

- 2 Sets building blocks (50 pieces or more)
- 7-8 Various sets plastic and metal building toys (i.e.: LEGOs, gears, snap together cubes, Tinker Toys, erector sets etc.)
- 1 Carrom game board (wood game board, comes with cues, and game pieces for several games)
- 1 Set plastic play people
- 3 Sets of beads and string
- 10 or more puzzles of varying difficulty
- 3 Floor puzzles
- 3-4 Models airplanes, cars, rockets, etc.

Arts and Crafts

- 2 large plastic mess mat
- 1 Set of 35 paintbrushes
- 2 Sponge painting sets
- 12 Paint pots with lids
- 8 Gallons varied colors washable Tempera
- Watercolrs
- 8 Gallons finger paint
- 25 Boxes crayons
- Construction paper
- Easel paper
- Manila drawing paper
- Newsprint paper
- 3 Sets fun dough/ modeling clay
- 3 Gallons glue
- 15 Clay hammers
- 3 Clay cutter sets
- 15 Clay presses
- 5 Rolling pins
- 20 Child scissors, pointed and round-tip
- 25 Packs markers
- 20 smocks
- 5 Packs of each feather, felt, sequins
- 4 Jars of glitter
- Packs of beads, various sizes
- 4 Packs paper plates
- Sidewalk chalk

School-Age Room (30 School-Agers) continued...

Science/nature

- 1 Giant magnet (10" high or more)
- 1 Set of magnet wands
- 1 Magnet kit
- 1 Set color paddles
- 3 Magnifying glasses
- 1 Dinosaur set
- 1 Prism
- Living things (plants, fish)
- Collections (rocks, shells)

Math

- 1 Number and math BINGO
- 1 Set interlocking cubes
- 1 Large set counters
- 1 Pattern activity kit
- 2 Sets pattern cards and blocks
- 1 Set Linking people/animals
- 1 Sorting kit
- 1 Set number pegboards
- 1 Set pegboards
- 1 Set geometric pegs
- 1 Measurement kit
- 1 Weight kit
- 2 Packages number and math cards
- 1 Thermometer
- 1 Demonstration clock
- 2 Sets play money
- 3 Stopwatches

Woodworking

- 1 Tool set for varying ages
- 1 Workbench
- 4 Pair safety goggles
- 1 Tool box
- Scraps of wood, various sizes

Active Play

- 10 Rubber playground balls
- 20 Bean bags
- 10 Soft foam balls
- 2 Footballs
- 3 Soccer balls
- 1 Balance beams
- 1 Parachutes
- 20 Plastic floor hockey sticks
- 3 Plastic hockey puck
- 1 Ring toss
- 5 Hula hoops
- 2 Tumbling mats
- 1 Volleyball
- 1 Net
- 6 Badminton rackets
- 6 Badminton birdies
- 10 Plastic/rubber cones
- 10 Jumpropes
- 2 Toss and catch games
- Outdoor playground equipment
- Kites