

ECERS-R Materials Checklist

Books and pictures:

Enough to rotate &

At least three each of:

- fantasy
- factual
- people
- animals
- science
- multiple cultures
- diverse abilities

Encouraging children to communicate:

Enough to rotate- choose from items below:

- small figures in blocks
- animals in block area
- puppets in books
- flannels pieces & board in books
- telephones
- dramatic play props
- dolls
- others

Fine motor:

Enough to rotate and at least three of each:

- small building toys such as interlocking blocks, lincoln logs
- art materials such as crayons, scissors, etc.
- manipulatives such as beads
- for stringing, pegs, pegboards, and sewing cards
- Puzzles - knobbed and knobless

Art:

Some of each of the following:

- drawing materials such as paper, crayons, nontoxic markers, thick pencils
- Paints
- three-dimensional materials such as play dough, clay, wood gluing, carpentry
- collage materials
- tools such as scissors, staplers, hole punches, tape dispensers

Music/movement:

Some of each:

- instruments
- tape/cd player
- dance props, such as scarves, bean bags
- variety of tapes/cds including:*
- classical
- popular
- cultural
- different languages

Blocks:

Enough for at least 3 children (300) and accessories – at least two types:

- unit blocks-wood, plastic, foam including rectangles, squares, triangles, cylinders, etc.
- homemade blocks
- hollow blocks
- toy people, animals, vehicles, and road signs

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Sand/Water:

*Sand AND water, both indoors AND outdoors
Variety of toys such as:*

- containers
- spoons
- funnels
- scoops
- shovels
- pots & pans
- molds
- toy people, animals, and trucks

Dramatic play:

*Enough materials to rotate and some of each
of the following:*

- housekeeping such as dolls, child-sized furniture, dress-up, kitchen utensils
- different kinds of work props, such as office, construction, farm, store, fire fighting, transportation
- fantasy, such as animals, dinosaurs, storybook characters
- leisure such as camping, sports
- multicultural items such as food, dress up, dolls, props

Nature/science:

*At least some items in each of the following
categories:*

- collections of natural objects such as rocks, insects, seed pods
- living things such as house plants, gardens, pets
- nature science books, games, or toys such as matching cards, sequence cards
- nature/science activities such as cooking, experiments with magnets, magnifying glasses, sink and float

Math/number:

*Enough materials to rotate and at least 3-5 of
the following types:*

- small objects to count
 - materials for measuring, such as spoons, cups, tapes, scales, etc.
 - materials for learning shapes & sizes
 - materials for recognizing numbers
- Some examples include:*
- rulers, number puzzles, magnetic numbers, number games such as dominoes or number lotto, geometric shapes, parquetry blocks