

CIRCLE TIME

SOCIAL INTERACTION

- Pause during established routines such as songs or movement games
- Incorporate imitation into games, songs or stories
- Play back and forth games with objects (e.g., ball) or songs (e.g., Row Your Boat)

REQUESTING

- Use props and picture symbols to elicit requests for activities, songs, verses, etc.
- Hold up choices of instruments, books, etc.
- Place attendance pictures or weather/calendar icons out of reach

JOINT ATTENTION

- Work on responding to points with wall charts
- Place items (e.g., flag) in different places around the room to target distant points
- Put pictures upside-down or in the wrong place on occasion
- Incorporate show and tell into circle time

EXPLORATORY PLAY

- Pass around sensory items to explore
- Encourage multiple actions with the same items used in circle time (e.g., roll, bounce & throw a ball or shake, bang, & tap a tambourine)

RELATIONAL PLAY

- Incorporate a sorting song or activity
- Have children put icons/items on charts (e.g., weather, calendar, jobs, graphs)
- Have child collect items from peers in a basket

FUNCTIONAL PLAY

- Include puppets or dolls in songs/routines
- Play dress-up games with stories or songs or dress-up a doll according to the weather
- Drive cars/buses to indicate attendance

SYMBOLIC PLAY

- Role play with familiar songs or stories
- Incorporate songs/routines with pretending (e.g., act like various animals, conducting a train, passing items that are hot, tasty, prickly)

Center-Specific Material Suggestions

CENTER	SUGGESTED MATERIALS	
Art Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various types and sizes of paper (white, construction, newsprint, easel) • Crayons; markers; colored pencils • Easel with various brushes • Recycled/re-used items (bubble wrap, bottles, packing peanuts, magazines) • Watercolors, finger paint, tempera 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scissors; glue/glue sticks • Various collage materials • Clay (modeling, natural) • Ink/Bingo Dotters • Beads , string, yarn, ribbon • Play-dough, Gak™ • Dry erase boards with markers
Block Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blocks various shapes, sizes, & colors • Legos®/Duplos®, Lincoln Logs®, Bristle Blocks, Tinker Toys® • Action figures/dolls (people/families) • Road map rug or mat • Toy house, farm, garage, pirate ship • Mailing tubes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pictures of places in community • Pictures of famous places • Dress up clothes (construction, fire fighter, train conductor) • Toy animals (farm, dinosaur, zoo) • Trains/connecting tracks • Vehicles/transportation toys
Circle Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large dry erase board • Easel with large chart paper • Felt Board Activities • Pockets charts, sentence strips • Visual schedules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musical instruments • Song charts (with pictures) • Low chairs; labeled seats • Weather chart • Calendar
Dramatic Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen toys (pots, dishes, utensils) • Grooming toys (brushes, comb, dryer) • Household accessories (vacuum, iron) • Toy food/grocery store items • Dolls with extra doll clothing, crib • Puppets and stuffed animals • Toy cameras 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large mirror (shatter proof) • Doll house with dolls & furniture • Dress-up clothes and accessories • Cash register, shopping carts • Themed kits (doctor, vet, salon, restaurant, post office) • Telephones & phone book
Gross Motor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bean bags • Balls (various types/sizes) • Trikes, riding toys, wagons • Stilts, swings • Hula hoops • Balance beam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parachute • Scarves, ribbon streamers • Hopscotch, hop-along balls • Tents, tunnels • Tumbling mats, trampoline • Basketball hoop
Math/Manipulatives/ Puzzles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counting and matching games • Puzzles (form board, floor puzzles) • Magnetic shapes/numbers with board • Sorting/counting items & trays • Geoboards® with rubber bands • Rulers/Tape measure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number line/number cards • Paper dolls, color forms, dice • Clocks, timers, calculators • Pattern blocks with cards • Unifix® cubes, nesting cups • Pattern and sequence games
Reading Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books (rotate regularly) & props • Puppets (hand, finger, stick) • Writing materials (clipboard, pencils) • Alphabet cards/chart • Magazines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felt board stories • Word Wall • Letter and phonic games • Magnetic letters with board • Letter rubber stamps with ink pad

Science Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural items (rocks, feathers, acorns) • Microscope, magnifying glasses • Prisms • Collection containers • Plants/seeds growing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science/nature books/magazines • Animals (aquarium, hamster) • Magnets • Picture cards • Balance scale
Sensory Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water (add soap or food coloring) • Sand, soil, rice, beans • Float and sink items • Sponges, strainers, sifters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cups, buckets, shovels • Boats, cars, trucks • Water wheels, funnels • Items to bury (animals, etc.)
Table Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play-dough, Gak™ • Craft materials • Books and related toys/objects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry-erase boards and markers • Pipe cleaners, yarn, beads • Puzzles and mazes