

# Transitional Kindergarten Resources

## Learning Centers Based on Reach:

### Dramatic Play

- Provide opportunities for children to create & make "places" of interest
- Provide opportunities for children to act out the story they heard
- Provide clipboards and notepads to "write" down notes while in home living
- Provide opportunities for children to sort & classify real items found in homes
- Provide opportunities for children to create cultural environments
- Provide opportunities for children to choose roles and act them out

Store Front

Ethnic Clothing

Variety of Hat Props

Environment Signage

Ethnic Food

Cash Register

Puppets

### Multifaceted/Open Ended Art

- Provide art that is open ended
- Provide art where children paint/draw a representation of a story they heard
- Provide letter themed art
- Provide art that represents their name
- Provide art where children cut the pieces used
- Provide more complex art "projects"

### Papers:

Construction Paper

Paper Plates

Brown Bags

Cardboard

Tissue Paper

Poster Board

Finger Painting Paper

Butcher Paper

Corrugated Cardboard

Cellophane

Newspaper

Bark

Foil

Styrofoam

### Paints:

Tempera

Water Colors

Puffy Paint

Yogurt

Soap Flakes

Glitter Paint

Shaving Cream

Hair Gel

Water / Ice Cubes

Mud

Powder Paint

Pudding

Ketchup / Mustard

Corn Syrup

Baby Food

### Adhesives:

Glue

Starch

Stapler

Glue Sticks

Colored Glue

Colored Masking Tape

Contact Paper

Paste

Scotch Tape

Frosting

### Painting Tools:

Brushes

String

Potato Mashers

Sponges

Plungers

Muffin Tins

Waffle Block Pieces

Comb / Brush

Corn Cobs

Spray Bottles

Golf Balls

Fly Swatter

Roller Bottles

Pie Tins

Balloons

Fingers

Rubber Worms

Foam Brushes

Cookie Cutters

Scrub Pads

Bottoms of Plates

Animal Feet

Tooth Brush

Feathers

Squeeze Bottles

Nuts

Rocks

Dopper Bottles

Finger Koosh Rings

Fruits and Vegetables

Eye Droppers

Gadgets

Marbles

Strawberry Baskets

Car Wheels

Shapes

Feet / Toes / Hands

Q-Tips

Stick

Paint Roller

Spaghetti

Kitchen Utensils

Spools

Corks

## Collage Materials:

Tissue	Masking Tape	Netting
Pipe Cleaners	Cotton Balls	Crepe Paper
Colored Masking Tape	Tongue Depressors	Bows
Yarn	Sequins	Straws
Doilies	Paper Plates	String
Ribbon	Wiggly Eyes	Toothpicks
Glitter	Buttons	Q-Tips
Craft Sticks	Styrofoam Pieces	Coffee Filters
Foil	Lace	Mini Cupcakes Liners
Wood Pieces	Sandpaper	Cupcake Liners
Feathers	Velvet	Felt
Foam	Beans	Seeds
Spices	Leaves	Nature Items
Macaroni	Egg Shells	Sea Shells
Colored Sand	Salt	Rice
Cellophane	Clay	

## Musical

- **Provide a variety of styles of music**
- **Provide a variety of musical instruments**
- **Provide opportunities for children to create & record their own music**
- **Provide opportunities for children to move to the rhythm of music**
- **Provide opportunities for children to hear others play instruments**

Classical Music	Instrumental Music	Music Sheets
CD Players	Tape Players	Instruments
Rhythm Sticks		

## Creative

- **Provide opportunities for children to act out their imagination**
- **Provide opportunities for children to act out favorite stories**
- **Provide opportunities for children to molding materials**
- **Provide opportunities for children to dance to music**

Playdough	Clay	Silly Putty
Fun Noodles	Words with Alphabet Playdough Stamps	
Number Sheets—Roll Out Balls to correspond with number		
Pipe Cleaners—etc....		
Number Letter Cards to Make with Clay		
Alphabet Builder Letter Cards—roll out playdough & form letter		
Scarves	Streamers	Ribbon Streamers

## Building

- **Provide a variety of building materials to use**
- **Provide opportunities for children to build theme based structures**
- **Provide opportunities for children to develop spatial relationship skills through building materials**
- **Provide building materials and instruction for complex structures**
- **Provide opportunities for children to create instructed, specific structures**

Wood Blocks	"Tree" Blocks	White Blocks (ice blocks)
Colored Small Blocks	Foam Blocks	Hollow Blocks
Bead Blocks	Water Blocks	Cardboard Blocks
Animal Props	People Props	Variety of Building Props
Vehicle Props	Flooring Props	Empty Boxes

Building Plan	Road Map	House Plans
Food Boxes	Logs	Easter Grass
Rain Gutters	Real Tree Branches	Plastic Tubes
Strawberry Baskets	Fabric Pieces	Styrofoam Trays
Thread Spools	Plastic Trees or Bushes	Yarn/String
Toilet Paper Rolls	Paper Towel Rolls	Rocks
Pinecones	Sea Shells	Plastic Lids
Pictures Of Their Creations	Foil	Popsicle Sticks
Cellophane	Tongue Depressors	Pipe Cleaners
Buttons	Flags	Cardboard for Roofs
Marbles	Hardhat / Measuring Tape /	Rulers / Goggles
Puzzles	Floor Puzzles	Peg Puzzles
Legos	Bristle Blocks	Peg Boards
Geo Boards	Stringing Beads	Lacing Cards
Connecting Blocks	Shape & Size Boards	Marble Game
Lincoln Logs	Chalk Boards/Chalk	Dry Erase Boards
Stacking Blocks	Tile Designs	Train
Pattern Blocks	Magnetic Maze	Magnetic Letters
Magnetic Shapes	Blocks & Patterns	Snap Blocks
Hammers & Tees	Number Stepping Feet	Sequence Blocks
Dominos	Bug Builders	Gears

## Discovery

- **Provide opportunities for children to explore**
- **Provide opportunities for children to experiment to see cause & effect**
- **Provide opportunities for children to explore "real" items**
- **Provide opportunities for children to estimate, make predictions, and record findings**
- **Provide opportunities for children to grow & sprout things**

### Five Senses Items:

different smells	different textures	different sound bottles
feely box	sensory walk	

### Live Items:

Plants		
Seeds sprouting:	beans	carrot tops
	sweet potato	lima beans
	popcorn seeds	bird seed

### Float & Sink Items:

Rocks	corks	styrofoam pieces
Plastic	feathers	marbles
wood pieces		

### Nature Items:

pine cones	different leaves	barks
rock collection	seed pods	seeds & packets
parts of tree	tree moss	

### Magnets:

items that stick / items that don't		magnetic wands
magnetic disks	magnetic balls	large magnets
paper clips in bottle w/ wand		

### Animal Foods:

farm animal foods	hay	cracked corn
cotton seed	pet foods	cat food
fish food	dog food	rabbit pellets

### Water Bottles:

rainbow colored waters	tornado tubes	sand in bottles
glitter	confetti	corn starch & marble

styrofoam beads and water	oil and colored water	
<b>Metal / Plastic / Wood Items:</b>		
<b>Spring Time:</b>		
Tadpoles	butterfly kits	pond animals
bird nests	honey comb	ladybugs
wasp nest	snail farm	
flowers & seed packets	rolly polly farm	silk worms
praying mantis eggs caterpillars	ant farm	different flowers
sprout grass seed	earth worms & dirt	frog life cycle
bird house	sprout bird seed on sponge	
<b>Ocean:</b>		
sea shells	sand	masks & flippers
real fish from store	real octopus from	store
fish net	sail boats	starfish
sea horse	plastic sea animals	
<b>Fall Time:</b>		
different nuts	nature walk	scarecrows
pumpkin vine	wheat stalks	ghords
Indian corn	real vegetables	pumpkins
squashes	leaves	seed pods
cotton plant	acorns	
pumpkin plant growing		
<b>Things In The Sky:</b>		
Pinwheels	kalidescopes	kite
Balloons	look at clouds	bubbles
rainbow bottles	prism	
<b>Textures:</b>		
sandpaper	cotton	velvet
bubble wrap	wood	lace
styrofoam	metal	sponge
plastic		
<b>Community Helpers:</b>		
Stethoscope	teeth impressions	large toothbrush
teeth x-rays	old cast	tire pump
keyboard	briefcase	
doctor bag & instruments	community helper vehicles	
community helper figures		
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>		
fan & items: do they blow or not	stacking blocks	rolling items
cooked spaghetti	telescope	binoculars
color paddles	tape measure	vibration microphone
weigh & measure children	different bell sounds	water bottle
xylophone	goop	scales
<b>Farm:</b>		
hatch eggs in incubator	make butter	farm animal foods
different colored eggs	hay	corn stalks
corn meal	real animal visit	celery drinking water
<b>Space:</b>		
Flashlights	shadows	balloons
glow in the dark stars	magnet items	space items
kaleidoscopes	prisms	
parachute	black sheet	
<b>Winter:</b>		
melting ice	collecting rain	rain stick
block of ice	crushed ice & mittens	real snow
winter clothes	white carnation drinking	colored water

thermometers

## **Zoo / Reptiles:**

animal skins fabrics  
lizard skin  
plastic animals  
real animal visit

animal face masks  
raccoon hat  
animal foods

snake skin  
turtle shells  
animal sound tape

## **Pre-reading**

- **Provide opportunities for children to develop interest in literature**
- **Provide opportunities for children to develop interest in letters & print**
- **Provide opportunities for children to develop correlation of written word and print**
- **Provide a variety of materials that spur interest in reading**

Books With Tapes  
Picture Books / No Words  
Board Books  
Books With Simple Words & Picture  
Bean Bags / Chairs / Pillows  
Dictation of art  
Bob books—Reading Books  
Books  
Flannel Pieces Of Stories Kids Know  
Cassette Player With Music Tapes  
Ear Phones With Book & Tape  
Questions The Child Can Answer

Repetitive Books  
Beginning Reader Books  
Beginning Words In Print  
Stuffed Animals  
Posters On Wall  
Small books with phonetic sounds  
Photo Album Of Kids & Activities  
Classroom Labels  
Alphabet Chart  
Beginning Sounds  
View Masters And Cards

## **Pre-writing**

- **Provide opportunities for children to develop interest in letter formation**
- **Provide opportunities for children to recognize written print through labels**
- **Provide opportunities for children to dictate stories**
- **Provide opportunities for children to develop correlation of written word and print**

Large Pencils  
Crayons  
Colored Pencils  
Chalkboards/Chalk  
Dotted Lines To Trace  
Food Boxes  
Alphabet Stencils  
Name Plates With Name Printed On Them  
Alphabet Matching Game  
Alphabet Stamps & Pads  
Simple Words With Pictures To Trace  
Name Book With Stamps  
Number Drawing Mazes  
Alphabet Drawing Mazes  
Questions To Answer-Write Kids Thoughts  
Fill In Stories To Dictate With Teacher  
Color Language Poster—Make A List Of What's That Color  
Magnetic Alphabet Letters & Cookie Tray  
Copy book words  
Magnetic letters—spell out letters from familiar books  
Friends Nameplates—write their names  
Alphabet Stamp Pads with Word Pictures / Paper  
White Boards With Food Boxes To Copy Words  
Tracing Name Papers  
Wipe Off letter cards

Pens  
Markers  
Dry Erase Markers  
Dry Erase Boards  
Laminated Alphabet Chart To Trace  
Tracing Shapes  
Clear Laminated Coversheet  
Laminated Number Chart To Trace  
Magnetic Alphabet Boards  
Number Stamps & Pads  
Alphabet Books With Stamps  
Number Book With Stamps  
Magna Doodles  
Clipboards & Paper  
Phone Message Pads  
Labels of food  
Words with stamps  
Stamps  
White boards with Flash Cards  
Alphabet Sheet With Alphabet Stamps  
Number Sheet With Numbers / Stickers  
Tracing Alphabet  
Mini Books / Stamps

## Other Center Options:

### Sensory

- Provide opportunities for children to pour & measure
- Provide opportunities for children to experience textures

### Cognitive

- Provide opportunities for children to use materials to develop skills:
  - Numeracy
  - Phonetics
  - Auditory Memory
  - Visual Memory
  - Opposites
  - Rhyming
  - Sequencing
  - Positions
  - Spatial Relations
- Provide opportunities for children to expand on their knowledge of a variety of skills

Counting Jar	Number Pages
Muffin Tins with #'s	Sorting Trays
Felt Patterning Pieces	Classification Items
Scales	Unifex Cubes
Sorting Items	Number Puzzles
Number Stamps	Number Pages with Stickers
Number Books	Graphs
Counting Activities	Matching Activities
Pairing Activities	Sequencing Activities
Comparing Activities	Abacus
Counting Items	Sorting Alphabet Manipulatives
Large Collage Alphabet Letter	Letter Can
Alphabet Sticker Book	Salt Tray—Drawing Letters
Letter Builders	Playdough—Rolling Out Letters
Chalkboards & Writing Letters	Group Letter Activities
Alphabet Puzzle with Word Cards	Alphabet Stamps & Simple Word Cards
Laminated Activity Sheets	Peek Pockets
All About Chart	Flash Cards
Alphabet Blocks—match capital letter with lower case letter	
Stretch Words	Word Familiar Books
Magnetic Letters	Mini Books
Chalkboards /White Boards	Laminated Activity Sheets
Worksheets—table time	Addition
Unifex Cube Patterns	
Large Dice with White Boards—roll dice & write number	
Addition & Subtraction with Clothespin & Number Line	
Laminated Activity Charts	
Pattern—small—medium—large	
Skip Counting with Number Line & Clothespin / write number's down	
White Paper / Receipt Tablets / Date Stamps	
Alphabet Stamp Pads with Word Pictures / Paper	
Alphabet Sheet With Alphabet Stamps	
White Boards With Food Boxes To Copy Words	
Number Sheet With Numbers / Stickers	