



Teaching-learning materials plays a key role in learning young children.

Learning materials must be safe, appropriate, and encourage play for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Toys and materials stimulate play and are beneficial for cognitive, social, emotional and physical development.

Toys and materials provide children with the opportunity to manipulate and have fun while developing their fine & gross motor skills, critical thinking skills, problem solving skills etc.



Young children learn by doing. They need to touch, move, push, pull, taste, smell and listen to develop understanding. Art materials encourage individual expression by offering open-ended art activities.

Musical instruments, variety of blocks encourage children's creativity. Pictures, charts, books, toys that realistically represent nature helps children learn about nature.

High Quality ECD Materials

Age Appropriate Developmentally Appropriate

Open-ended/flexible

Safe

Culturally Appropriate

Low cost/No cost

Determining Age appropriate Materials

Infants

- reflexive actions
- bright and vibrant colors
- watching and exploring
- soft, light-weight, washable, easy-togrip

Toddlers

- self-select toys
- pressing, pushing, pulling
- balancing, jumping, walking, and kicking

Pre-schoolers

- free play
- group play
- run, climb, hop, skip

(Blocks, puzzels, Puppets, objects, books, etc.)

Culturally Contextualized and Locally-made

Low/ No Cost

Re-use

Recycle

Locally-made











Coconut Leaf Scpectacles



Dugdugi



Handmade Clay Dolls



Book of Collected Leafs



Tissue Roll Creation



Fabric Sock Dog



Plastic Bottle Plane



Plastic Bottle Rattle



Paper Box Car



Wooden Dheki



Mud Boat

























