## \#15 Encouraging children's use of books

3.1 At least 15 books accessible
5.1 "Many" means at least 35 books for 20 children.
7.1 "Wide selection" means a "significant variety" of topics.
7.2 At least 5 books related to current classroom activities or themes

## Possible topics:

$\square$ Differing abilities
$\square$ Different cultures
$\begin{array}{ll}\square & \text { Health } \\ \text { Jobs/work } \\ \text { Males and females } \\ \text { Math }\end{array}$

| $\square$ | Nature/science |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ | People |
| $\square$ | Sports/hobbies |

D Different races
$\square$ Feelings

## \#17 Fine Motor

3.1 Total of 10 choices
5.1 All categories must be represented, at least 1 type from each category.

| Interlocking Building Materials | Art Materials | Manipulatives |  | Puzzles |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| D Bristle blocks <br> a Duplos <br> a Legos <br> - Lincoln Logs <br> - Tinker toys <br> - Other (list) | D Crayons <br> a Markers <br> a Pencils <br> a Playdough <br> a Scissors <br> a Hole punches <br> D Other (list) | D Gears <br> a Links <br> a Mr. Potato Head <br> a Nuts \& bolts <br> a Pattern blocks <br> a Pegs with peg <br> boards  <br> b Pop beads <br> a Sewing cards | I Snap blocks <br> Stringing beads  <br> I Table blocks <br> Irain tracks  <br> I Unifix cubes <br> Zip, snap, button  <br> toys/vests  <br> a Other (list) | D Floor puzzles <br> I Frame puzzles <br> Knobbed puzzles  <br> - Other (list) |

## \#18 Art

*All materials must be accompanied by paper, as needed, or another surface for use when carrying out artwork.
5.1 At least 1 material from each category

| Drawing | Paints | 3-D | Collage | Tools |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | a Fingerpaints <br> Tempera paints  <br> a Watercolors <br> a Other (list) | B Boxes <br> a Clay <br> Modeling  <br> compound  <br> a Pipe cleaners <br> Playdough  <br> Wood scraps  <br> "Junk" (e.g.,  <br> cardboard  <br> tubes, packing  <br> material, etc.)  <br> Other (list)  |  | D Dot markers <br> a Brushes <br> a Hole punches <br> a Playdough tools <br> a Rollers <br> a Ruler <br> a Scissors <br> D Sponge painters <br> a Stamps/stamp pad <br> a Stapler <br> a Stencils <br> a Tape <br> a Other (list) |

## \#19 Music and Movement

3.1 At least 3 music materials
5.1 At least 10 instruments or if used in group time, at least 1 per child participating. Credit is not given if all material are of the same type.
3.1, 5.1 Recorded music (played by staff or children) may count for 1 music material

Instruments:

| B Bells <br> Castanets  <br> Cymbals  <br> Drums  <br> Electric keyboard  <br> Hardwood blocks with mallet  | D Maracas <br> D Piano <br> Rainstick  <br> Rhythm sticks  <br> Triangles  <br> D Shakers | Tambourine Wrist bells Xylophones Other (list) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

## \#20 Blocks

*Interlocking blocks (e.g., Legos) or blocks with most sides less than 2 " do NOT count as blocks.
3.1, 3.2 Enough space, blocks and accessories for 2 children to build sizeable independent structures at the same time 5.1 Enough space, blocks and accessories ( 3 types) for 3 children to build sizeable independent structures at the same time.
22.7.1 Requires large hollow blocks.

| Blocks | Block Accessories | Other Materials in Block Center |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unit Blocks Wood Foam Plastic <br> Large hollow blocks Wood Cardboard Plastic | Animals <br> Small people <br> Vehicles <br> Other (Road signs, fences, trees, small buildings, etc.) List: <br> **Accessories should enhance, rather than detract from block play. If use of vehicles or other toys interfere with building, credit is not given. | **NOTE: Space for block play must not be used for other purposes that interfere with the use of blocks. |

## \#21 Dramatic Play

*Small pretend play materials found in block or fine motor areas do not count in scoring this item.
3.1 Some materials for children to act out family roles themselves
5.1 Many and varied materials, including dolls, child-sized furniture, play foods, cooking/eating utensils, dress-up clothes plus additional materials or theme
7.1 At least 4 clear examples of materials to represent diversity.

| Theme: Housekeeping | Theme: Different Kinds of Work | Theme: Fantasy | Theme: Leisure | Dramatic Play Materials that Reflect Diversity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Required: <br> $\square$ Child-sized furniture (stove, washer/dryer, etc.) <br> - Cooking/eating utensils Dolls Dress-up clothes for both boys and girls Play food <br> Additional housekeeping <br> materials: Doll clothes Doll furniture (bed, high chair, stroller, etc.) Mirror Play house Stuffed animals Telephone Other (list) | - Construction (hats, shovels, tools, etc.) <br> - Farmer/gardener (rakes, shoves, seed packets, pumpkins, etc.) <br> - Firefighter (hose, uniform, buckets, helmet, boots, etc.) <br> - Medical (gauze bandages, doctor's kit, dolls, etc.) <br> - Office play (office supplies, desk, briefcase, etc.) <br> - Post office (mail box, envelopes, post cards, mailbag, jacket, hat, etc.) <br> - Restaurant (tables \& chairs, menus, play money, aprons, etc.) <br> - Store (cash register, play food, empty food cartons, bags, pretend money, etc.) <br> - Zoo keeper/vet (stuffed or other toy animals, tickets, money, etc.) Other (list) | $\square$ Costumes, including hats, capes, fancy dress-ups, crown, etc. <br> - Magic wands or other accessories <br> - Simple, nonfrightening masks or face paint Things to act out familiar stories Other (list) | ■ Boating Camping Fishing Parties Picnic Sports Vacation | - Cultural <br> cooking utensils (e.g., wok, etc.) <br> - Dolls (different races, cultures) <br> - Equipment used by people with disabilities <br> $\square$ Multi-cultural dress-up clothes <br> $\square$ Pretend foods of different cultures Other (list) |

## \#22 Nature/Science

3.1 At least 5 nature/science materials from 2 categories
3.3 Sand or water with appropriate toys accessible
5.1 At least 15 materials with some from each of the 5 categories, including at least 5 nature/science books.

Sand/water can be counted as 1 of the 15 materials.
7.2 Requires one or more pets/plants that children can observe, help care for, and that are talked about with children.

| Living Things Children Can Observe Closely or Care For | Natural Objects | Factual Books/ Nature-Science Picture Games | Nature/Science Tools | Sand or Water with Toys (indoors or outdoors) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Ant farm <br> - Aquarium with fish, snails or other animals - Butterfly hatching kit <br> - Class pet <br> - Eggs that hatch <br> - Plants <br> - Window bird feeder Worm farm Other (list) |  | Books (5 required for 22.5.1) Board games Matching game (e.g., body parts) Plastic animals (realistic) Puzzles with nature pictures or natural sequences Videos Other (list) | I Sinoculars/Viewers <br> Color paddles  <br> Kaleidoscope  <br> Lifting objects with  <br> levers/pulleys  <br>   <br> magnetic/non-  <br> magnetic things  <br> Magnifying glasses  <br> Matching texture  <br> boards  <br> Microscope and  <br> slides to look at  <br> Prisms  <br> Sensory bottles (oil  <br> and water, etc.)  <br> Smelling cans with  <br> different things  <br> Tornado tubes  <br> Using a rain gauge to  <br> record how much  <br> rain fell  <br> Other (list)  |  |

## \#23 Math Materials and Activities

*Credit not given for posters, books, and other displayed materials nor play materials with written numbers.

* A material may only be counted in 1 category.
3.1 At least 2 materials from each of the 3 categories
5.1 At least 10 materials total, with at least 3 from each category

| Counting/Comparing Quantities | Measuring/Comparing Sizes and Parts of Whole (Fractions) | Familiarity with Shapes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| D Abacus <br> a Beads with bead patterns <br> Chart and graph activities for  <br> children to use by placing  <br> materials into cells  <br> a Dice/dominoes <br> Five/ten frame cards  <br> Games that require children to  <br> figure out more or less  <br> Games with dice  <br> Ge Pegboards with numbers printed <br> and holes to match  <br> a Playing cards <br> a Puzzes where written numbers <br> are matched to quantities  <br> a Small objects to count into <br> numbered containers  <br> n Unifix cubes <br> Other (list)  | - Balance scale with things to weigh <br> Bathroom scale <br> - Games where halves are matched to the whole (fractions) <br> - Games with parts to divide and put back together to make the whole <br> - Height chart if regularly used to measure children's growth <br> - Math links <br> - Measuring cups and spoons with materials to measure <br> - Nested cups <br> - Puzzles with geometric shapes that must be put together <br> - Graduated puzzles <br> - Rulers, yardsticks, tape measures <br> - Shapes-matching games where geometric shapes are divided into parts (fractions) <br> - Thermometer <br> - Other (list) | - Attribute blocks of different sizes, shapes, colors <br> - Geoboards (boards with pegs to which rubber bands are attached to make shapes) <br> - Magnetic shapes <br> - Parquetry blocks with patterns <br> - Puzzles with different <br> geometric shapes <br> - Shape sorters <br> - Shape stencils <br> - Unit blocks with image/outline labels on shelves used during clean up <br> - Other (list) |

## \#25. Understanding Written Numbers

3.1 Some print numbers in display materials
5.1 At least 3 different play materials that help show children meaning of print numbers

| Print Numbers in Display Materials *Must have pictures that show what the number means. | Play Materials with Numbers | Play Materials Showing Meaning of Print Numbers |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Signs for number of children allowed in center with stick figures/object to represent the number <br> - Poster with numbers and corresponding image showing that number of objects Other (list) | ```\square Calculator \square Cash register C Counting books \square Magnetic numbers \square Number lacing cards Number puzzles - Telephones \square Toy clock \square Other (list)``` | Matching picture/number cards <br> - Puzzle with numbered fingers on one hand <br> - Puzzles with number on one piece and that number of dots on matching piece <br> - Simple number card games <br> - Other (list) |

## \#26 Promoting Acceptance of Diversity

*Materials must be easily visible for credit. Books should be easy to find by looking at book covers.
NOTE: See p. 64 in ECERS-3 scale: One example consists of a contrast in diversity. Examples may be found in one item (such as a picture of children showing a child with a disability and one without) or two separate items stored close together (such as a two dolls of different races in the dramatic play area or small people of different ages in the block center).
3.1 At least 3 examples of racial/cultural diversity in materials
5.1 At least 2 different types of dramatic play props representing different races or cultures.
5.2 At least 10 positive examples of diversity with at least 1 example each of books, displayed pictures, play materials
*Materials may be counted in either 5.1 OR 5.2, but not both.
5.3 Classroom materials include at least 4 of the 5 types of diversity.

|  | Tally or list materials: |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Books <br> *Examples should be easy to <br> find by looking at book covers. | $\square$ | Culture |
|  | $\square$ | Age |
|  | $\square$ | Differing abilities |
|  | $\square$ | Non-traditional gender role |
| Displayed Pictures <br> *Do not count pictures of <br> children and their families. | $\square$ | Race |
|  | $\square$ | Culture |
|  | $\square$ | Age |
| Play Materials <br> *Examples: dolls, puppets, play <br> food, cultural cooking utensils, <br> small people figurines, <br> wheelchair for dolls, musical <br> instruments from various <br> cultures, puzzles, etc. | $\square$ | $\square$ |

