ARTICLES

This article describes guidelines for choosing, adapting, and using learning materials to make early childhood programs more inviting and successful for all children.

The authors use their experiences as consultants to answer questions in regards to the role of the environment in preventing problem behaviors.

This article provides guidelines to help preschool teachers plan classroom activities to involve all children, including children with disabilities. Several suggestions address how to select interesting materials that support children’s learning.

BOOKS

This curriculum design book emphasizes the importance of selecting materials that align with a constructivist approach to teaching young children.

Chapter Five of this book, *Working with culturally and linguistically diverse children*, has a section about the environment that includes tips for selecting culturally and linguistically appropriate materials. In addition, there is information on book selection and an appendix with an Antibias Observation Checklist.

Provides suggestions for materials to use in blended early childhood settings, as well as strategies for how to use these materials.

This book is written for teachers, directors, and parents. The first part of the book explores the power of the environment. Part Two looks at how quality settings can be created. Chapter Ten shows how storage and display are related to access to quality learning opportunities in programs.
The following books would be useful to teachers in selecting materials for specific content areas.


Carlson F. M. (2011). *Big body play: Why boisterous, vigorous, and very physical play is essential to children's development and learning*. Reston, VA: National Association for the Education of Young Children. [Physical Development]


**WEB RESOURCES**

Choosing Safe and Appropriate Toys

Choosing children's toys with caution is very important and it can be hard sometimes to know which toys are safe and appropriate, and which toys are not. Follow these guidelines to help choose toys for children.

Top 10 Things to Consider When Buying Toys for Children With Disabilities

This list of considerations provides guidance when choosing appropriate toys for children with disabilities.