

Elkhart & St. Joseph Counties Head Start Consortium

School: _____ Room Number: _____ Date: _____

Teachers _____ Observer _____

Approved _____ Follow Up Needed _____

Quick Environment Walk Thru Guide: Preschool Space

The room is divided into at least 5 Interest areas using furniture, carpets, etc.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Blocks | <input type="checkbox"/> Books | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House | <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Sand/water |

List other areas if any: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Blocks near house | <input type="checkbox"/> Art/sand table near sink |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet and loud areas separated | <input type="checkbox"/> All interest areas labeled |

Arrangement allows:

- children to move freely
- adults to see from one area to another
- enough space for many children to play at once

Materials

- Within reach of children
- Attractively displayed/ organized
- Labeled using variety of types of labels

Walls

While keeping in mind less is more (rule of thumb- keep 20-50% of space clear)

- Displays at children's level
- Commercially produced materials kept to minimum (prefer more children made, less teacher made)

Designated space for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's art | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family board | <input type="checkbox"/> Pictorial daily routine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of children at work | <input type="checkbox"/> Posted routine (adults) |

No evidence of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Calendar | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of week |
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Safety

- Labeled fully stocked First Aid kit
- Evacuation plans posted, easy to read
- All outlets covered

Resources

- DENVER kit (fully stocked)
 - List from the manual:
 - red yarn pom-pom (approx. 4" in diameter)
 - raisins (we've substituted cheerios, okayed in manual)
 - rattle with narrow handle
 - 10 1-inch square colored blocks
 - small clear glass bottle with 5/8-inch opening
 - small bell
 - tennis ball
 - small plastic doll with feeding bottle
 - plastic cup with handle
 - blank paper
- Numbers Plus Box or Binder
- Highscope Preschool Curriculum book or Essentials book
- Calming basket in designated area