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 props
- 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

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**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
- Colored Glue

**Paints:**
- Tempera
- Water Colors
- Puffy Paint
- Yogurt
- Soap Flakes
- Glitter Paint
- Shaving Cream
- Hair Gel
- Water / Ice Cubes
- Colored Masking Tape

**Adhesives:**
- Glue
- Starch
- Stapler
- Glue Sticks
- Colored Glue
- Contact Paper

**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
- Squeeze Bottles
- Nuts
- Rocks
- Dopper Bottles
- Finger Koosh Rings
- Eye Droppers
- Gadgets
- Marbles
- Strawberry Baskets
- Car Wheels
- Shapes
- Paint Roller
- Spaghetti
- Kitchen Utensils
- Spools
- Corks

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Collage Materials:

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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
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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
  - sweet potato
  - popcorn seeds
- carrot tops
- lime beans
- bird seed

**Float & Sink Items:**
- Rocks
- corks
- feathers
- sytrofoam pieces
- marbles
- wood pieces

**Nature Items:**
- pine cones
- rock collection
- seed pods
- tree moss
- barks
- seeds & packets
- magnetic wands
- large magnets

**Magnets:**
- items that stick / items that don’t
- magnetic disks
- magnetic balls
- 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

**Metal / Plastic / Wood Items:**

**Spring Time:**
- Tadpoles
- bird nests
- wasp nest
- flowers & seed packets
- praying mantis eggs
caterpillars
- sprout grass seed
- bird house

**Ocean:**
- sea shells
- real fish from store
- fish net
- sea horse

**Fall Time:**
- different nuts
- pumpkin vine
- Indian corn
- squashes
- cotton plant
- pumpkin plant growing

**Things In The Sky:**
- Pinwheels
- Balloons
- rainbow bottles

**Textures:**
- sandpaper
- bubble wrap
- styrofoam
- plastic

**Community Helpers:**
- Stethoscope
- teeth x-rays
- keyboard
- doctor bag & instruments
- community helper figures

**Miscellaneous:**
- fan & items: do they blow or not
- cooked spaghetti
- color paddles
- weigh & measure children
- xylophone

**Farm:**
- hatch eggs in incubator
- different colored eggs
- corn meal

**Space:**
- Flashlights
- glow in the dark stars
- kaleidoscopes
- parachute

**Winter:**
- melting ice
- block of ice
- winter clothes
thermometers

**Zoo / Reptiles:**
- animal skins fabrics
- animal face masks
- snake skin
- lizard skin
- raccoon hat
- turtle shells
- plastic animals
- animal foods
- animal sound tape
- real animal visit

### 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**

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### 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**

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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
Muffin Tins with #'s
Felt Patterning Pieces
Scales
Sorting Items
Number Stamps
Number Books
Counting Activities
Pairing Activities
Comparing Activities
Counting Items
Large Collage Alphabet Letter
Alphabet Sticker Book
Letter Builders
Chalkboards & Writing Letters
Alphabet Puzzle with Word Cards
Laminated Activity Sheets
All About Chart
Alphabet Blocks—match capital letter with lower case letter
Stretch Words
Magnetic Letters
Chalkboards /White Boards
Worksheets—table time
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