July/August Materials List



Buttercups® is designed for a wide range of ages. You know your children best and know which materials they are ready to use. Please use good judgment in selecting materials for your group and always supervise closely to be sure materials are used safely. Our kits include as many materials as possible. The materials listed below are suggested to implement all of the activities in this Curriculum Guide. In many cases, options are given so you can choose those that you prefer and have available. Common materials, such as newspaper, water, paper/construction paper, scissors (including toddler), paper punch, tape, glue, crayons, markers, paint/fingerpaint, blocks, paintbrushes, and music/music player, are not typically listed here.

Week One

LANGUAGE: masking tape

COGNITIVE: picture of Statue of Liberty, camera, blue liquid watercolor paint, shallow dishes, zippered suitcases, assorted children's clothing, rhythm instruments

PHYSICAL: glitter crayons OR plain crayons, black liquid watercolor paint, small paint rollers, washable glitter glue, black paper, crib mattress, firm cushions, bean bags

Week Two

LANGUAGE: bowl, assorted picture postcards, chairs, paper bag

COGNITIVE: assorted colors of poster board, sand play area, assorted sand toys, samples of real rocks sealed in clear plastic jars, sandpaper, flannel board, assorted pictures of scenic places, toy vehicles, garden hose with wide spray nozzle, towels, change of clothes for each child

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT: broccoli florets, ranch dressing, small paper plates, tricycles and other ride-on toys, strollers and/or wagons with high sides, several shades of green poster board or construction paper, jumbo craft sticks, toy people and/or forest animals, assorted pictures of pretty places

Week Three

LANGUAGE: living fish in fishbowl or aquarium, fish food **COGNITIVE:** cardboard, photo of each child OR camera, washable-ink pads OR paint pads (shallow dishes, paper towels, paint)

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL: whole fish from a seafood market, counting cubes or other small blocks, 2 small paper plates, toy fish, empty molded wading pool OR blue blanket, artificial plants

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT: plastic tub, assorted tools (small fish nets, large spoons, blunt tongs, scoops, etc.), playdough, fish cookie cutters, rolling pins, pillows

Week Four

LANGUAGE: assorted fishing gear, flannel board, felt set, small pail

COGNITIVE: small toys, props to role-play fishing, large toy boat OR shallow box. poster board, assorted textured materials, heavyweight self-sealing plastic bags, heavyduty foil, vinyl wallpaper samples, nontoxic hair gel OR corn syrup, food coloring, duct tape, large paper plates, assorted colors of felt, Velcro (hook side), streamers, long cardboard tube

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL: butcher paper OR bulletin board paper

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT: sponges, pail OR blue towel OR blue poster board, cardboard tubes, ball, round crackers, soft cream cheese, food coloring, small colored fish-shaped crackers, pool noodle OR long cardboard tube from wrapping paper

Week Five

LANGUAGE: books featuring grass, assorted dolls and

toy animals

COGNITIVE: toy people, assorted shoes

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL: materials of different textures,

heavy-duty tape

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT: streamer, tricycles or other ride-on toys, small toy vehicles, bath puffs OR lightweight balls, building blocks, including triangles, craft sticks, drinking straws, or similar materials

Week Six

LANGUAGE: assorted types of soil, shallow dishes, shallow trays, dirt OR sand, craft sticks, child-sized watering can, assorted dry materials (sponges, dirt, sand, paper, foil, etc.), assorted picture books

COGNITIVE: soapy water, paper towels, assorted children's clothing for day and night, assorted objects to hit with wands (cardboard box, metal and plastic pails, coffee cans, bowls, etc.), assorted colors of poster board, sand play area

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL: socks, cardboard, cord, beanbags **PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:** assorted blocks, toy vehicles, wading pool OR large shallow plastic container, dirt water, change of clothes, towels, playdough, rolling pin, plastic toy people and animals, instant pudding mix, milk, large plastic jar with tight-fitting lid, graham crackers, self-sealing sandwich bags, small paper plates, spoons, teddy bear crackers

Week Seven

LANGUAGE: bubble solution OR ingredients to create your own (dish detergent, corn syrup, water), plastic tub, flannel board, felt set

COGNITIVE: shallow dishes, masking tape, food coloring, large sheets of paper, easel, dot stickers, flashlights SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL: assorted bubble-makers (slotted spoon, plastic cookie cutters, six-pack rings, etc.), hoops PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT: 2 cardboard boxes, balls, bubble wrap, push/pull toys, watercolor paints, unbreakable containers of water, paper plates, streamers

Week Eight

LANGUAGE: washcloths, masking tape, plastic tub, notears bubble bath, water-safe baby doll, towel COGNITIVE: assorted bars of soap, large sheets of bubble wrap, clear plastic bottles, food coloring, dish detergent, duct tape, squeezing tools (pipette, turkey baster, bulb syringe, squeeze bottle, etc.), assorted containers SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL: soap, paper towels, bubble solution

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT: long cardboard box, ball, electric mixer, bowl, liquid watercolor paint OR food coloring, large sensory table OR large plastic bin, spoons, scoops, bowls, playdough, craft sticks, drinking straws, triangular cookie cutters, rolling pins, triangular blocks

Week Nine

LANGUAGE: bubble solution, small round bubble wand OR chenille stem, assorted dry sponges, plastic tubs, magnifiers

COGNITIVE: shallow pan, baking soda, vinegar, food coloring, small containers, pipettes OR eyedroppers, camera, blocks, assorted balls, garden hose, no-tears shampoo, doll clothes, towels, assorted materials (foil, wax paper, construction paper, poster board, felt, etc.), flashlight

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL: bath puffs, plastic pails, riding toys, lightweight balls, parachute OR large towel **PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:** fruit juice, club soda, clear plastic cups, spoons, sherbet OR frozen yogurt, ice cream scoop, large open-top boxes, beanbags