

# Infusing Literacy Materials in All Classroom Interest Areas

This is a beginning inventory list of literacy materials that can be placed in each interest area of the classroom. You can brainstorm additional ideas with your staff to further this list and then you can even create a wish list of supplies for the classroom.

## Art Area:

- Catalogs or magazines to cut up for projects
- Alphabet stickers
- Placemat with letters for playdough
- Alphabet rubber stamps
- Alphabet cookie cutters for playdough
- Alphabet sponges for painting
- Alphabet markers
- Books related to art
- Calendar with art theme
- Tools for drawing and writing:
  - Markers
  - Crayons
  - Color chalk
  - Color pencils
  - Pencils/pens
- Sandpaper letters
- Various kinds of paper
- Stencils
- Book making materials
- Stapler
- Tape
- Hole punch
- Flexible materials so children can make letters:
  - Wikki Stixs
  - Pipe cleaners
  - Clay
  - Playdough
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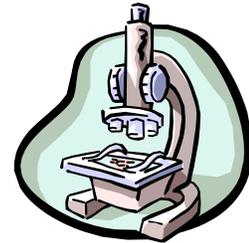
## Block Area:

- Road maps
- Books related to building, machinery, vehicles etc.
- Wooden traffic signs
- Blueprint paper for children to draw on
- Posters with pictures of buildings under construction
- Materials for making signs
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## Discovery/Science Area:

- Seed packets
- Books related to science, discovery, math, etc.
  - The Giant Jam Sandwich
- Magnets and magnet letters
- Foam letters
- Pencil & paper for recording observations
- Discovery & science related catalogs
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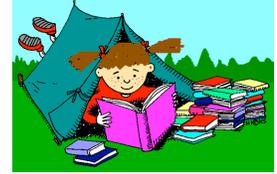
## Dramatic Play Area:

- Restaurant menus
- Computer keyboard
- Phone books
- Catalogs
- Empty snack boxes and pizza boxes
- Memo pad
- Various books related to home theme
- Different types of writing tools
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## Literacy Area:

- Tape recorder with headphones & “mic” for recording
- Books of all types displayed with front cover facing out
- Envelopes
- Storytelling apron with velcro pieces
- Sign language alphabet poster
- Class made books
- Writing tools
- Stuffed animals with book:
  - “Miss Spider”
  - “Miss Spider’s Tea Party”
- Story box manipulatives:
  - Magnet pieces
  - Flannel pieces
  - Stick puppets
- Foam letters
- Alphabet lines
- Different size writing pads
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## Outdoor Area:

- Basket of books with a blanket for children to sit on and read
- Boxes with words on them for delivery (children on wheel toys can be the FED EX delivery person)
- Receipt book for package deliveries
- Sidewalk chalk
- Letter molds for sandbox
- Parking signs for wheeled toys
- Traffic signs for wheeled toys
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## Table Toys/Manipulatives:

- Variety of alphabet puzzles
- Puzzles with words on them
- Etch-a-sketch
- Magic slate
- Letter beads for stringing
- Letter tiles
- Stencils
- Magnet letters
- Board games – a few examples:
  - Memory
  - Candyland
  - Hi-Ho the Cherrio
  - Alphabet bingo/lotto
  - Listening Lotto
- Fine motor materials that build hand strength and pincer grasp (it helps with holding a writing implement)
  - Clothes pins and something to clip them on to
  - Stringing beads
  - Tweezers to pick up small items like cotton balls
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