

The programming options are provided to support a range of implementation based upon library staffing and community needs. The materials and activities in the Play K curriculum are meant to support Pennsylvania's Learning Standards for Early Childhood and promote school readiness.

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<p><b><u>Playscape Materials</u></b></p> <p><b>New for this Playscape:</b></p> <p>Early Math Activity Center</p> <p>Literature Based Sorting Center: <i>One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish</i></p> <p>Parent Activity Card for <i>Sets and Patterns All Around</i></p> <p><b>Repurposing Possibilities from Other Playscapes:</b></p> <p>Vehicle Sorting Center from Playscape 1: All Aboard!</p> <p>Size and Color Teddy Bear Counters &amp; Hands-on Sorting Tray from Playscape 6: My Colorful World</p>	<p><b><u>Playscape Set-Up</u></b></p> <p>Working with your available space, set out and arrange all or some of the materials and books to create an attractive "play corner" for parents and children. Also, display the following parent tips:</p> <p><b>Tips for Parents &amp; Children</b></p> <p><b>1,2,3, Play with Me!</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Follow your child's lead while exploring the different activities and use natural opportunities to extend language and concepts. For example, if your child chooses to start playing with the Literature Based Sorting Center, "Look at all of the different ways you can sort the fish! You can sort them by color, by size, and even type of fish. Which sorting card</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Circle Time</u></b></p> <p>Gather children in a circle to simulate a kindergarten experience. Tell children that storytime today will be a chance to "Play Kindergarten!"</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Praise children for how nicely they are sitting with their eyes on you and tell them that their kindergarten teacher will love to see this when they start school!</li> <li>2. Explain that in kindergarten there will be rules to follow during Circle Time. One rule we will practice today is to raise your hand and wait to be called on when you want to say something. Assure them that you will remind them if they forget, but that you are sure they will try their best!</li> <li>3. Go over the calendar with the children as they do in kindergarten, using the "My First Calendar" board. Talk about the</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Virtual – Play K at Home!</u></b></p> <p>Arrange your space for your virtual setting to resemble a kindergarten classroom. If possible, have a large chalkboard or whiteboard for sharing purposes. Have the book you will share and materials you will use at the ready and displayed as much as possible to look engaging onscreen.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome children and tell them that your program today will be a chance for them to "Play Kindergarten" at home! Tell them that even though you can't see them, you know that they are sitting up nicely with their eyes on you just like they will for</li> </ol>

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<p><b><u>Books</u></b></p> <p><i>A Pair of Socks</i> by Stuart J. Murphy</p> <p><i>Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes</i> by Eric Litman</p> <p><i>Sort It Out!</i> by Barbara Mariconda</p> <p><i>One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish</i> by Dr. Seuss</p> <p><b><u>Book-FLIX selections</u></b></p> <p>Fiction: <i>This is the House That Jack Built</i></p> <p>Nonfiction: <i>Totally Strange Buildings</i></p>	<p>would you like to start with?"</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Let your child choose one of the books for you to read aloud. As you share the book, connect the story, characters, or concepts to the materials you have been playing with together. For example, "Look, this book is <i>A Pair of Socks</i> by Stuart J. Murphy. Maybe they are sorting the socks into pairs in this story like we just sorted the fish. Let's read and find out!"</li> <li>Build scissor skills with the shapes and other cutting practice activities we have provided. Help your child and "share the scissors" as needed to keep it fun!</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Optional Technology Extensions</u></b></p> <p>Load the theme-related TOCA BOCA App on a tablet for children and parents to explore together. TOCA BOCA is an award-winning</p>	<p>day of the week, the date, the month, the season and the weather for the day and allow children to take turns placing each on the board, if appropriate for the group.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask children if they have ever watched (or helped) their parents sort the laundry. Have a small basket of socks of different sizes and colors. Empty the basket and ask children if they can help you match the socks. Talk about how looking for matches by size, color and shape can help you sort the socks into matching pairs.</li> <li>Share the Literature-Based Sorting Center and model a couple of different ways to sort the fish. Tell children and parents that this will be available to play with after Circle Time!</li> <li>Perform a read-aloud of <i>Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes</i> by Eric Litman. Explain that the author repeats parts of the story and when you get to those parts, you'll give them a signal to join in</li> </ol>	<p>their teacher in kindergarten!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Show children the calendar board (Note: You may want to use a pocket chart calendar for a virtual program) and explain that you will have them help you with this just as if they were here. Talk about the day of the week, the date, the month, the season, and the weather for the day as if the children were helping you select each one.</li> <li>Pose this question to the children, "Have you ever watched or helped the grown-ups in your house <b>sort</b> the laundry? I'll bet you have and today you can help me with this basket of socks!" Have a small basket of socks of</li> </ol>

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<p><b><u>Circle Time &amp; Storytime</u></b></p> <p><b>All of the above, plus</b></p> <p>Health, Wellness, and Physical Development – Learning About My Body</p> <p>Social and Emotional Development - Student Interpersonal Skills</p>		<p>verse.) My, oh my, it's a cat!</p> <p>Tick tock, tick tock Goes the clock Waiting for someone to knock, knock, knock My, oh my, it's a bunny!</p> <p>Tick tock, tick tock Goes the clock Waiting for someone to knock, knock, knock My, oh my, it's a duck!</p> <p>Tick tock, tick tock Goes the clock Waiting for someone to knock, knock, knock My, oh my, it's a walrus!</p> <p><b>READ:</b> Additional books to expand the playscape theme~</p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Pattern Books - Annotated List from NAEYC</a></u></b></p>	<p>them to use their sorting skills at home to help <b>sort</b> the laundry the way they helped you with the socks today!</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Have the Take-Home Sheet for this playscape available as a downloadable link after the virtual program. You may want to consider providing a take-home craft that families can pick up at the library, as well.</p>

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		Use masking tape or a hula hoop to mark off an enclosed space. Have children take turns tossing three bean bags into the enclosed space. After each toss, ask the children how many bean bags are inside and outside of the space. Have each child gather the bean bags and hand them to the next child to take a turn.	