Frog Street Toddler Program

Program Features

- Early **brain development research** as the framework for instruction.
- Adaptations for multiple age groups and children with special needs.
- Strong **daily routines** that develop key social and emotional skills.
- Balances **intentional instruction** with child-directed play.
- Values **individual differences**.
- Provides **comprehensive, integrated, thematic activities** in all domains.
- Encourages **caregiver and child interactions** to develop rich oral language and vocabulary as well as strong social and emotional connections.
- Provides materials and strategies for maintaining healthy **parent partnerships**.
- Offers **professional development** within weekly activities and through relevant classroom scenarios.
- Embraces the **joy of learning** each day!

Cornerstones

  1. The brain of a three year old is two and half times more active than an adult.
  2. Experience wires the brain.
  3. Brain development is a complex interplay between genes and the environment.
  4. Relationships affect the wiring of the brain.
  5. Brain development is non-linear.

  1. Brain Smart Way to Start the Day
  2. Focus on kind words, helpful hands, and using kind words.

  1. Suggested activities for each domain
  2. Adaptations for ability levels
  3. Opportunities for child directed play.

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Program Components

13 Thematic Guides (bilingual)
  Theme 1: All About Me
  Theme 2: Family and Home
  Theme 3: Friends
  Theme 4: Opposites
  Theme 5: Colors
  Theme 6: Shapes and Sizes
  Theme 7: Nursery Rhymes
  Theme 8: Traditional Tales
  Theme 9: Traditional Songs
  Theme 10: Bugs
  Theme 11: Farm Animals
  Theme 12: Zoo Animals
  Theme 13: On the Go
32 children's books
14 story folders
80 full color photo cards (vocabulary, questions and suggested activities)
  5 music CDs, 3 Spanish CDs (action songs, listening songs, Shawn Brown, nursery rhymes)
Max (plush frog puppet)
Pattern CD
6 shape bean bags (3 shapes, 3 colors)
3 frog bean bags
1 beach ball
3 bouncing balls (3 sizes, 3 colors)
2 tactile balls
eyedroppers

Caregiver Components

15 (11” x 17”) full-color wall posters for classroom display
52 reproducible parent cards (also available in Spanish)
Developmental checklists organized by domains
Professional Development videos

References


Web Pages: