








Intentional Environments

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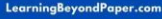
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Today's Agenda

1. Intentional Environments both Indoor and Outdoor
2. Connecting with families through the environment
3. Message the environment is sending children and families
4. Developmentally appropriate materials
5. Intentional displays
6. Where is the literacy and math in the environment?
7. Extend learning outdoors
8. What messages is your environment saying?




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Community Agreements



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Indoor Space

"I never teach my pupils, I only attempt to provide the conditions in which they can learn." - Albert Einstein



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What do you think about these classroom examples?

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Music in the Environment

- Using music with intentionality
- Tying Music & Movement/Physical Development
- Paint to the beat of music
- Combine Literacy with books about music within reach

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Materials

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality • Natural • Commercial • Repurposed • Variety • Intentional • Display 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantity • Open-ended • Age Appropriate • Multicultural • Representative • Accessible • Indoor/Outdoor
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Repurposed Materials



- Egg cartons
- Milk cartons
- Cereal boxes
- Tissue boxes
- Paper towel tubes
- Wrapping paper & tubes
- Water bottles

Families can help gather and provide these items for FREE!

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Learning Centers

- What are your learning centers saying?
- How are your centers laid out?
- How are your materials displayed in your centers?

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How you display books matters.



Inspiring Literacy starts with the treatment of books.

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Block Centers



Include:

- Books
- Writing Materials:
 - Graph paper
 - Pencils, markers, crayons
 - Rulers
 - Tape
 - Pictures of architecture or local community buildings

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Dramatic Play



Let's GO BEYOND housekeeping for Dramatic Play Centers!

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Learning Math Through Dramatic Play!



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Outdoor Space

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Intentional Outdoor Experiences



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Inspire Literacy Outdoors!



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Provide Dramatic Play Opportunities Outside

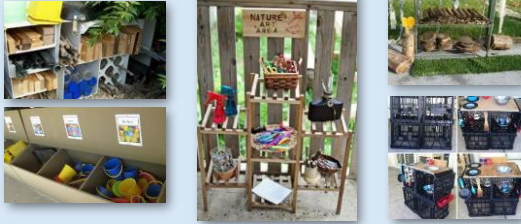


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Outdoor Storage Ideas



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We Take Care of Plants



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We Take Care of our Pets



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Reflection Time!



- Sound/Noise Levels
- Wall displays
- Accessibility to Materials and Toys
- Decorations
- Intentionality
- Messages to children and families
- Literacy and Math

What is your environment saying?

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