

Guidelines for Establishment of ECE Classroom

The human brain grows rapidly during childhood. Because the young child's day-to-day experiences affect neural growth and brain development, it is crucial to make the most of the available time with young children. As their brains develop, children begin to show new understandings and skills in cognitive, social, and emotional areas. At the same time, they grow physically. Quality early childhood centers promote school readiness, enhance verbal ability, and decrease the likelihood of reading difficulties later in school. The learning environment is an important and powerful teaching tool. If the environment is set up with the knowledge of how children learn and develop it can positively support teaching and learning.

An early childhood classroom needs to be both functional and appropriate for the children that spend large portions of their days there. Follow these steps to set up an ECE classroom that makes kids feel like they belong.

Guidelines

1. Step 1

Consult National Curriculum for Early Childhood Education 2007 and Early Childhood Education Training Manual 2010 Based on National Curriculum 2007 developed by DSD to establish ECE Classrooms.

2. Step 2

Setting up of Learning Corners

In each ECE Classroom establish six learning corners (Goshay). Arrange each learning area according to the competencies given in National Curriculum.

1. Personal and Social Development
2. Language & Literacy
3. Basic Mathematical Concepts
4. The World Around Us
5. Health Hygiene and Safety
6. Creative Arts

Make the corners well defined and easy to recognize and label each corner.

Sample labels of corners are given.

Competencies related to each learning corner/Sample pictures are attached.

3. Step 3

Wall Painting

Paint walls of ECE classroom according to the competencies given in National Curriculum of ECE 2007. This will enhance student's interest and learning.

4. Step 4

While selecting learning material it should be kept in mind:

- Fill the ECE classroom with age-appropriate learning materials and toys that support all areas of kids' interest and development.
- Learning materials should foster exploration.
- Learning materials should be concrete and relevant to a child's own life experiences

(A list of Learning Material is attached)

5. Step 5

Maintain a flow of traffic that makes sense. Arrange your furniture so that it's easy for kids and parents to enter the room, hang their bags, move from center to center and walk to the bathroom.

6. Step 6

Place child-size furniture inside of your ECE classroom. The children in your class will need a place to sit, eat and carry out their daily activities.

7. Step 7

Put short, reachable shelves in the classroom. Fostering independence in children is important in an ECE program, so having shelves that enable them to reach their own learning materials without assistance is important.

8. Step 8

Create bulletin boards that are visually appealing to children. You can design bulletin boards from scratch, or you can purchase them from market. Your bulletin boards should be changed frequently to reflect seasons and holidays etc.

9. Step 9

Place a parent board near the entrance of your classroom. Mothers and Fathers appreciate staying informed about what's going on inside of their children's classrooms. A parent boards is the perfect place to post newsletters, upcoming events, ongoing functions and birthday well-wishes.

10.Step 10

Leave enough open floor space for kids to comfortably participate in circle time activities. You can use an area rug to define the space that will be used for large group activities. You can use an area rug to define the space that will be used for large group activities.

11.Step 11

Some samples of ECE Room Titles are given.

12.Step 12

Sample Floor Plans to establish ECE Classroom are given.

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