



Adopt-a-Classroom Head Start Donations

Building better Iowa communities involves ensuring the success of our children. Developmental events in the first five years of a child's life play a significant role in their becoming a successful adult. HACAP's goal is to provide essential resources to children during this critical time of growth to prepare each child, and their family, for success in school and in life. We operate 14 Head Start Centers in Linn, Johnson, Benton, Jones and Washington Counties, and funding to supply those classrooms with the items necessary to promote positive early development only goes so far – this is where we rely heavily on support from our community partners who are passionate about the development of our community's youth. Here are some ideas of supplies that our Head Start classrooms are always in need of:

Art Supplies:

(Number next to each item indicated the amount needed to supply an entire classroom)

- (5) Packs Construction Paper
- (5) Packs Crayons (large and regular)
- (5) Packs Drawing Paper
- (5) Packs Finger paint
- (5) Variety Packs Playdoh
- (5) Bottles School Glue
- (5) School Glue Sticks
- (5) Tubs Sidewalk Chalk
- (5) Variety Packs Tempera Paints
- (5) Packs Washable Markers
- (5) Packs Water Color Paints

Do you have a deep interest in supporting early literacy? If that is the case, here are some wonderful, developmentally appropriate books that our Head Start teachers would appreciate sharing with their students:

Children's Picture Books:

- (The) Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse by Eric Carle
- Ball for Daisy by Chris Raschka
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr. & Eric Carle
- Chicka Chicka 123 by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault
- Clifford the Big Red Dog by Norman Bridwell
- Curious George by H.A. Rey
- Dr. Seuss – any
- Five Little Monkeys by Eileen Christelow
- Friends by Eric Carle
- How Do Dinosaurs Say I'm Mad by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague
- If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
- LMNO Peas by Keith Baker
- Llama, Llama and the Bully Goat by Anna Dewney
- Mother Goose – any version
- No David by David Shannon
- No Two Alike by Keith Baker
- Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin
- Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes by Eric Litwin
- Pete the Cat and His Four Groovey Buttons by Eric Litwin
- Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses by Eric Litwin
- Pete the Cat and the New Guy by Eric Litwin
- Steam Train, Dream Train by Sherri Dusky Rinker and Tom Lichtenheld
- (The) Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
- (The) Story of Ferdinand by Murro Leaf
- The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

- Where's My T-R-U-C-K? by Karen**

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Children's Board Books:

- Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?**
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom**
- Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed**
- Giraffes Can't Dance**
- Little Blue Truck**
- Pat the Bunny**
- Rumble in the Jungle**
- Twinkle Twinkle Little Star**
- The Little Engine That Could**
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar**

Do you have a deep interest in supporting motor skill development and good cognitive functioning? Studies show that developmentally appropriate toys and games can strengthen a child's awareness and intellectual processes. Here are some ideas of developmentally appropriate toys and games:

Toys and Games

(Brands to look for: Melissa and Doug, Fisher Price, Little Tikes, Lego Duplo, Playskool, LeapFrog, Vtech, Playmobil)

- Airplane Play Set**
- Alphabet Blocks**
- Baby Dolls**
- Baby's First Blocks**
- Candyland Game**
- Chutes and Ladders Game**
- Duplo Blocks and Building Sets (Fire & Rescue, School Bus, Ambulance, Garbage Truck)**
- Farm Animals, Jungle Animals, Pets, Dinosaur**
- Farm, House, Airport, Garage Play Sets**
- Jumbo Knob Puzzles**
- Kaleidoscope**
- Lincoln Logs**
- Magnetic Letters and Numbers**
- Memory Game**
- Nesting Cups**
- Plastic Vehicles (cars, trucks, airplanes, tractors, dump trucks, diggers)**
- Play Ground Balls**
- Play Phones, Play Record Player, Play TV/Radio**
- People (families and community helpers)**
- Role Play Costumes (doctor, firefighter, chef, construction worker, police)**
- School Bus Play Set**
- Shape Sorter**
- Snapping Beads**
- Snow Shovel – child size**
- Snow Brush – child size**
- Snow Brick Maker**
- Stacking Rings**
- Tinkertoys**
- Wooden Puzzles**
- Xylophone**

Tips: Shop at Target, Walmart, Toys R Us, Barnes & Noble, Half Price Books. Used Items that are clean and in good condition can also be donated. Look for items marked as appropriate for children ages 0-5.

Please keep in mind that these are merely suggested donations. It is up to you, our donor, to decide at what level you are able to support your Adopted Classroom(s).

If you have questions, or would like to contribute, contact Jackie Schropp (319) 739-0004 or email us at jschropp@hacap.org.