



# CHILD CARE CURRICULUM INITIATIVE GUIDANCE

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To improve kindergarten readiness, the Louisiana Department of Education is supporting Type III and Family Child Care providers that opt into Academic Approval by reimbursing a portion of the cost for Tier I Early Childhood Curriculum.

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### STEP 1 → PURCHASE HIGH-QUALITY CURRICULUM

- ✓ Review the Guidance on choosing high-quality curriculum.
- ✓ Purchase an Infant/Toddler and/or pre-K curriculum kit from the list of approved curricula. KEEP INVOICE(S) AND DELIVERY RECEIPT(S).

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### STEP 2 → CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL AGENCY

<http://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/early-childhood/2014-early-childhood-map---child-care-resource.pdf>

- ✓ Complete an application and sign assurances.
- ✓ Complete an Implementation Plan.
- ✓ Provide receipts for the purchased curriculum.
- ✓ Get reimbursed for 80% (*maximum \$5,000*) of the cost of the curriculum.

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### STEP 3 → FOLLOW UP WITH TRAINING AND CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION

- ✓ Participate in a general training on implementing a curriculum through your CCR&R Agency.
- ✓ Provide updates and reports as requested by your CCR&R Agency, and state office.

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### STEP 4 → TRAIN TEACHERS ON CURRICULUM

- ✓ Provide high-quality curriculum and materials to teachers with adequate training and time so they are prepared to use these tools.
- ✓ Ensure all other classroom materials not included with the curriculum support children's learning and development as aligned to Louisiana's Early Learning and Development Standards.
- ✓ Ensure any additional professional development supports the instructional approaches and strategies found in the curriculum.

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### STEP 5 → ENTER CURRICULUM INFORMATION INTO THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASS® PORTAL

- ✓ Enter High-Quality Curriculum information into the appropriate field for all classrooms.
- ✓ Contact [earlychildhood@la.gov](mailto:earlychildhood@la.gov) if there are any challenges entering this information.



## GUIDANCE FOR SELECTING THE RIGHT CURRICULUM FOR YOUR PROGRAM:

In Louisiana, early childhood providers are able to choose instructional materials that are best for their children and families. The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) supports choosing curricula appropriate for children age birth to five that are grounded in helping teachers provide quality interactions and instruction. Through a rigorous evaluation process, the LDOE rates curriculum based on:

- Alignment to *Louisiana's Birth to Five Standards*
- Cultural and linguistic sensitivity
- Options for family engagement
- Ease of use by staff
- Quality and complexity of learning activities
- Embedded assessment
- Potential for individualizing instruction
- Developmental appropriateness

Note that early learning sites in Louisiana can choose any curricula they prefer. However, as part of the ***Child Care Curriculum Initiative***, early childhood providers are only eligible to receive reimbursement for the purchase and implementation of the LDOE approved curriculum. These resources are highly recommended because they meet all criteria and indicators of quality, and they support interactions and effective instruction.

### BEFORE CHOOSING A CURRICULUM, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT SITE LEADERS

1. Read the [online reviews](#) and compare unique features of each.
2. Preview the high-quality curriculum through the publisher websites (see the names and links in the chart below).
3. Conduct a meeting with staff and share information about the curriculum. Assess their ability to and interest in successfully implementing the curriculum.
  - Would materials and activities be easy for them to follow?
  - Would teachers use the embedded assessments to help them plan?
  - Would teachers use guidance for communicating with families on their child's education and care?

Name of Publisher and Curriculum	Provides Read-Aloud Books (Big Books)	Provides Read-Aloud Books (Small Books)	Provides Materials for Learning Centers or Activity Areas (such as manipulatives, games, toys, etc.)	Provides Pictures, Charts and Other text samples	Provides Age-Appropriate Technology Resources (such as interactive games and activities, on-line resources, headphones, etc.)	Provides CDs or other Audio Resources
<b>INFANT/TODDLER CURRICULUM OPTIONS</b>						
FROG STREET PRESS <b>Frog Street</b>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
KAPLAN EARLY LEARNING COMPANY <b>Learn Every Day, the Program for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos</b>			✓	✓		✓
ROBERT-LESLIE PUBLISHING <b>Little InvestiGators</b>		✓		✓	✓	
TEACHING STRATEGIES <b>The Creative Curriculum®</b>		✓	✓		✓	
<b>THREE- AND FOUR-YEAR-OLD CURRICULUM OPTIONS</b>						
APPLE TREE INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION <b>Every Child Ready</b>		✓		✓	✓	✓
CHILDREN'S LITERACY INITIATIVE (CLI) <b>Blueprint</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
FROG STREET PRESS <b>Frog Street</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
KAPLAN EARLY LEARNING COMPANY <b>Connect4Learning®</b>		✓	✓	✓	✓	
NO TEARS LEARNING INC DBA LEARNING WITHOUT TEARS <b>Get Set for School Complete PreK Program</b>			✓	✓	✓	✓
ROBERT-LESLIE PUBLISHING <b>The InvestiGator Club</b>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SAVVAS <b>Three Cheers for Pre-K</b>		✓	✓	✓	✓	
SCHOLASTIC INC. <b>PreK On My Way</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TEACHING STRATEGIES <b>The Creative Curriculum®</b>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
TOOLS OF THE MIND <b>Tools of the Mind</b>						
<b>FAMILY CHILD CARE CURRICULUM OPTIONS</b>						
TEACHING STRATEGIES <b>The Creative Curriculum for Family Child Care</b>	✓	✓			✓	

For questions, please contact: [earlychildhood@la.gov](mailto:earlychildhood@la.gov)

**VENDOR:** APPLETREE INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION INNOVATION

**AGE GROUP:** THREES AND FOURS

**CONTACT:** ANNE ZUMMO MALONE [amalone@appletreeinstitute.org](mailto:amalone@appletreeinstitute.org)

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**DESCRIPTION OF MANIPULATIVES/RESOURCES INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE:**

Every Child Ready is a balanced early learning program created to prepare three-and-four-year-old children for kindergarten and beyond. The Every Child Ready program supports children’s development across social-emotional, physical, cognitive, and academic areas. The curriculum includes:

- Early childhood program consultation and coaching, including foundational knowledge and vision setting. Includes the Priority Planning Process to inform customized support.
- A two-year differentiated curriculum for three-and four-year-olds that includes 10 thematic units, a flexible small group model, diverse print materials, and a balanced daily schedule.
- Professional learning for leaders and teachers that includes differentiated classroom coaching, summer training, and quarterly instructional leader workshop.
- A suite of measurement tools to support decision making in the classroom for social emotional and academic learning. Also includes measurement to support classroom quality.

RESOURCES/COSTS	DESCRIPTION	COST
Cost of Basic Curriculum Package	Includes access to curriculum, professional learning, and assessment. Optional purchase of printed teacher manuals.	\$500 for annual subscription \$450 for printed manuals
Shipping Charges	No cost due to the curriculum being accessible through a technology platform. UPS shipping charges apply if printed teacher manuals are ordered.	FREE
Cost for Bilingual Editions	All content in the curriculum is available in English and Spanish.	\$500 for annual subscription

**VENDOR:** CHILDREN'S LITERACY INITIATIVE (CLI)

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**AGE GROUP:** PRE-K (FOUR-YEAR-OLDS)

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**WEBSITE:** [www.cli.org/blueprint](http://www.cli.org/blueprint) or [www.cliblueprint.org](http://www.cliblueprint.org)

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**DESCRIPTION OF MANIPULATIVES/RESOURCES INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE:**

Blueprint for Early Literacy does just what its name says—it provides teachers with detailed plans for delivering engaging and purposeful instruction that will assure children are ready for kindergarten. Packed with authentic reading and writing experiences, and engaging purposeful play, this curriculum will help teachers create a high-interest, literate, and vibrant classroom community while incorporating learning in all content areas. Children are encouraged to think, talk respond and move during every lesson. Blueprint is not a name and label, seat work type curriculum. Early skills, concepts and behaviors are explored in the context of 10 intentionally structured and sequential themes. At the heart of each theme are high quality children’s books. Each book is the launching pad for teaching essential early skills through active learning in group and individual settings.

RESOURCES/COSTS	DESCRIPTION	COST
Cost of Basic Curriculum Package		\$2,995.00
Cost of Basic Curriculum Package	Digital Curriculum and Resource Download	FREE
Shipping Charges	No additional charges for shipping. Tax varies by location as applicable	FREE
Cost for Bilingual Editions	Not available at this time. Please check back for updates	N/A

**VENDOR:** FROG STREET PRESS

**AGE GROUP:** INFANTS, TODDLERS, TWOS

**CONTACT:** DR. KAREN LACROIX [klacroix@frogstreet.com](mailto:klacroix@frogstreet.com)

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.frogstreet.com/curriculum/>

## DESCRIPTION OF MANIPULATIVES/RESOURCES INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE:

### ***Frog Street Infant Curriculum 0-18 Months\****

Frog Street Infant Curriculum is designed around the latest early brain research. The curriculum consists of 264 easy-to-follow domain-based activity cards specifically developed for little one 0-18 months. The program is designed to equip caregiver to foster essential growth and build a strong learning foundation.

Frog Street Infant Curriculum is inclusive of age appropriate manipulatives for active exploration (easy grip-ball, Frog Street Easel with a clear-view photo pocket and mirrored surface, five-piece music band, two pocket cubes and Peeper Puppets. The Frog Street Infant Curriculum Welcome Books provides detailed instructions for teacher created materials (baggie book, bottle roller, box tunnels, drop slot, drums and drumsticks, glove puppet, face puzzles and much more). Technology integration is covered via Frog Street Baby Songs, Frog Street Baby Games and a pattern cd of teacher created materials. Lily the Puppet is an integral component of the curriculum and member of the class (supporting stories, children's questions and movement activities.)

### ***Frog Street Toddler Curriculum 18-36 Months***

Frog Street Toddler Curriculum is designed around the latest brain research and includes 52 weeks of easy-to-use activities created specifically for little ones 18-36 months old. Dr. Pam Schiller is the senior author of all three programs, in which Dr. Becky Bailey's Conscious Discipline is utilized. Dr. Bailey's Conscious Discipline guidelines are integrated into all three programs to build continuity.

The program is designed equipping and fostering caregivers in essential growth, meeting the needs of all learners, and embracing the joy of learning each day. Frog Street Toddler includes 13 thematic activity guides that offer hundreds of domain-based activity choices ,which are intentional, integrated, and child centered. Toddlers will be immersed in a language-rich environment essential for developing both receptive and expressive language skills. Frog Street Toddler offers activities supporting cause-and-effect, providing toddlers with fun physical challenges with special emphasis placed on social emotional development via the integration of Conscious Discipline. In addition, Frog Street Toddler supports children at many developmental levels and embedded professional development provides numerous opportunities for enriched understanding for teachers.

RESOURCES/COSTS	DESCRIPTION	COST
Cost of Basic Curriculum Package		Infant \$999.99 Toddler \$1299.99
Shipping Charges	Preferred shipping is UPS	15%
Cost for Bilingual Editions	FrogStreet Toddler Program-Bilingual	\$1529.99

**VENDOR:** FROG STREET PRESS

**AGE GROUP:** THREES, PRE-K

**CONTACT:** DR. KAREN LACROIX [klacroix@frogstreet.com](mailto:klacroix@frogstreet.com)

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.frogstreet.com/curriculum/>

### ***Frog Street Threes Ages 36-48 months***

Frog Street Threes is designed around the latest brain research and is a comprehensive bridge between Frog Street Toddler and Frog Street Pre-K. Dr. Pam Schiller is the senior author of all three programs, in which Dr. Becky Bailey's Conscious Discipline is utilized. Dr. Bailey's Conscious Discipline guidelines are integrated into all three programs to build continuity.

Each week of instruction is neatly organized into a 10-page section of activity choices. The first page of each 10-page section offers an overview of the week's theme, the Wonderful Word of the Week, the Week at a Glance, a list of materials to gather, and things to make and do in preparation for the week's activities. Greeting Circle activities encourage children to participate in "brain smart" activities that set the tone for their emotional well-being and challenge them to focus on pro-social skills. The morning message is designed to teach foundational literacy skills. Frog Street Threes offers literacy lessons using Read-Alouds as a springboard. Frog Street Threes provides a bridge between toddlerhood and preschool. Music and movement activities are included in the daily routine. Math skills are presented throughout the program along a continuum that allows children to take what they know about one concept and apply it to the next. A STEAM lesson is offered with each week of instruction. STEAM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. Practice centers (learning centers) are small-group workstations. The purpose of the Closing Circle is to reflect upon and review the activities of the day. Regular communication is the key to having successful partnerships with families. In week 1 of each theme, you will be reminded to reproduce and send home theme letters, Parents Are Teachers Tool mats, and the numbered Family Connections Cards.

Frog Street Threes includes nine thematic teaching guides offering 36 weeks of easy-to-use instruction created specifically for three-year-olds. Each guide begins with a theme overview outlining all four weeks of instruction in that theme.

Program components include a literature library (English titles, Spanish titles, a bilingual development storybook, magnetic bilingual Story Folders, Conscious Discipline titles). In addition, vocabulary cards, photo activity cards, "Sing and Read" Alphabet eStories, hands-on card sets and letter cards. Math manipulatives and CDs with Storage Case. Fernando plush puppet is integral to the curriculum and the class.

### ***Frog Street Pre-K 3-5 Years Old***

Frog Street Pre-K is a comprehensive, research-based curriculum that integrates instruction across developmental domains and is aligned to state and national standards. Dr. Pam Schiller is the senior author of all three programs, in which Dr. Becky Bailey's Conscious Discipline is utilized. Dr. Bailey's Conscious Discipline guidelines are integrated into all three programs to build continuity.

The cornerstones of the curriculum include integrated lessons, social-emotional development using Conscious Discipline, differentiated instruction and a joyful approach to learning. Frog Street Pre-K includes nine thematic guides offering 180 day of instruction for a full-year program.

Frog Street Pre-K English and Bilingual Curricula each include a Welcome to Frog Street Pre-K Guide. A comprehensive explanation of each learning center is included in the guide. Learning centers in Frog Street Pre-K allow children to practice skills learned in whole-class and small-group instruction, learn independence, self-direction, and collaboration skills, work at their own level, practice decision making and receive individualized teacher scaffolding daily. Examples of learning centers and accompanying materials, are the ABC Center (Photo Pockets with Pockets Letters), Language and Literacy Center (sequence cards, rebus posters, and story folder props), Math Center (frog counters, pattern blocks, connecting cubes, attribute buttons and pocket cube with dot cards and Technology Center (Frog Street Pre-K Interactive Software). In addition, common supplies to gather are included in the learning center descriptions. Also, ideas for learning centers can be found in the teacher guides. Fanny Frog Puppet is integral to the curriculum and the class.

RESOURCES/COSTS	DESCRIPTION	COST
Cost of Basic Curriculum Package		Threes \$2,399.99 Pre-K (2013) \$3,699.99 Pre-K(2020) \$3,699.99
Shipping Charges	Preferred shipping is UPS	15%
Cost for Bilingual Editions	FrogStreet Threes - Bilingual FrogStreet Pre-K - Bilingual FrogStreet Pre-K - Spanish	Threes Bilingual \$2649.99 Pre-K Bilingual \$3,999.99 Pre-K Spanish \$3,699.99

**VENDOR:** KAPLAN EARLY LEARNING COMPANY

**AGE GROUP:** INFANTS, TODDLERS, AND TWOS

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**DESCRIPTION OF MANIPULATIVES/RESOURCES INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE:**

The basic curriculum package for Learn Every Day The Program for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos includes a comprehensive curriculum for children ages birth to three. Learn Every Day The Program for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos is a three volume book set containing Building Strong Foundations for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos and two teaching guides organized by age and developmental domains: Learn Every Day: The Program for Infants (volume 1) and Learn Every Day: The Program for Toddlers and Twos (volume 2). Also included in the package is a Teacher Resource Book set, an Infant Activity kit, and a Toddler Activity kit.

RESOURCES/COSTS	DESCRIPTION	COST
Cost of Basic Curriculum Package	This includes the following: Learn Everyday Curriculum - \$199.95 Teacher Resource Book Set - \$105.95 Infant Activity Kit - \$199.95 Toddler Activity Kit - \$199.95	\$705.80
Shipping Charges	Typical shipping charges via FedEx Ground are 15% of order price. Shipping charges and taxes vary based on customer order and location	15%
Cost for Bilingual Editions	Currently only available in English	N/A



**VENDOR:** KAPLAN EARLY LEARNING COMPANY

**AGE GROUP:** PRE-K (FOUR YEAR-OLDS)

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**WEBSITE:** <https://www.connect4learning.com/curriculum>

**DESCRIPTION OF MANIPULATIVES/RESOURCES INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE:**

Connect4Learning (C4L) is an interdisciplinary early childhood prekindergarten curriculum, funded by the National Science Foundation, which aims to synthesize research-based approaches in four domains of learning: literacy, mathematics, science, and social-emotional development. C4L uses an interdisciplinary approach to address growing concerns that the majority of preschool instructional time is devoted to literacy at the expense of other content areas, particularly math and science. The curriculum consists of six units and 32 weeks of learning centers and lessons. C4L also includes all of the specific items required to implement the curriculum, including both classroom materials and a book collection. Each kit contains more than 100 items and features dozens of custom-made pieces unique to the curriculum.

RESOURCES/COSTS	DESCRIPTION	COST
Cost of Basic Curriculum Package	Connect4Learning, 2nd Ed. (English) 1 YR Digital/1YR Consumable, 15 students	\$2,995.00
Shipping Charges	Standard Shipping	15%
Cost for Bilingual Editions	Connect4Learning, 2nd Ed., (Spanish) 1 YR Digital/1YR Consumable, 15 students	\$3,295.00

**VENDOR:** NO TEARS LEARNING INC.DBA LEARNING WITHOUT TEARS

**AGE GROUP:** FOURS AND FIVES

**CONTACT:** LORI Z. WILSON [lori.wilson@LWTears.com](mailto:lori.wilson@LWTears.com)

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.lwtears.com/solutions/early-learning/get-set-for-school>

**DESCRIPTION OF MANIPULATIVES/RESOURCES INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE:**

The Get Set for School readiness curriculum uses a developmental approach based on the most relevant research about how young children learn best. Get Set for School believes that every child can achieve, uses engaging materials that make learning fun, and breaks difficult concepts into simple tasks.

This kit includes 20 My Book and I Know My Numbers each, 20 My First School Book Set, 20 licenses of Get Set for School Student Learning Apps, Get Set for School Learning and Play Resource for 3-Year-Olds, and an annual license for PreKITT: The Pre-K Interactive Teaching Tool.

**MANIPULATIVES AND MULTISENSORY TOOLS INCLUDE:**

- Wood Pieces Set for Capital Letters (6)
- Mat for Wood Pieces (5)
- Slate Chalkboard (5)
- Laminated Capital Letter Cards for Wood Pieces (1)
- Roll-A-Dough Letters® (5)
- Stamp and See Screen® (5)
- FLIP Crayons® (1)
- Pre-K Name Plates (1)
- Pre-K Color Wall Cards (1)
- Magnetic Lowercase & Blackboard Set (2)
- Word Time™
- Sound Around Box™
- Line It Up™
- A-B-C Touch & Flip® Cards
- Mat Man Book Set
- 4 Squares More Squares®
- Tag Bags®
- 1-2-3 Touch & Flip® Cards
- Mix & Make Shapes™
- Mat Man® Hands
- Magic C Bunny
- Little Sponge Cubes
- Little Chalk Bits
- Get Set for School Pre-K Teacher's Guide Set

RESOURCES/COSTS	DESCRIPTION	COST
Cost of Basic Curriculum Package		\$2,921.35
Shipping Charges	UPS Ground *Shipping rates may vary	10%
Cost for Bilingual Editions		Spanish \$3,076.40 Dual Language \$3,206.20

**VENDOR:** ROBERT-LESLIE PUBLISHING, THE EARLY CHILDHOOD COMPANY®

**AGE GROUP:** INFANTS, TODDLERS, AND TWOS

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### DESCRIPTION OF MANIPULATIVES/RESOURCES INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE:

Little InvestiGators is a play and discovery program for infants and toddlers that celebrates the magic of childhood and the joy of teaching during each stage of growth and development from birth to three years old.

Little InvestiGators includes Baby InvestiGators for infants from birth to 18 months old and InvestiGator Tots for toddlers and twos from 18 months to 3 years old. The program is developmentally appropriate for infants and toddlers and designed to support the delivery of child-focused, family-centered experiences.

Because of the strong belief in developmentally appropriate practice and the principles listed below, Robert-Leslie Publishing does not provide or encourage any screen time or technology products for children under the age of 3. Curriculum resources are grounded in principles about the way infants, toddlers, and twos learn, through:

- Relationships;
- Engagement in play; and
- Rich environments, including the emotional environment and the physical environment.

Little Investigators is organized around three specific features of the physical environment: Routines, Play Spaces, and Outdoor Areas.

#### Resources and Manipulatives included in basic packages:

- Family Corner: Individual Care Plan, monthly activity calendars, and other resources for Little InvestiGator families
- Welcome Guide: Helpful resources and templates for caregivers using Little InvestiGators
- Continuum of Growth and Development: Online resource that provides a comprehensive continuum of program goals and indicators for ages 0-4.
- 6 Infant Board Books
- 6 Toddler Board Books
- Rings: Colorful loops for sorting and displaying Play and Grow Cards
- 200 Play and Grow Cards for Infants
- 300 Play and Grow Cards for Toddlers and Twos

RESOURCES/COSTS	DESCRIPTION	COST
Cost of Basic Curriculum Package	Little InvestiGators includes Baby InvestiGators (0-18 months) and InvestiGator Tots (18-36 months) Baby InvestiGators - \$495.00 InvestiGator Tots - \$735.00	\$984.00
Shipping Charges	All products are shipped via FedEx Ground Shipping may be reduced when combined with other Robert Leslie products for larger orders. Shipping discounts can be arranged with your Educator Support Manager	10%
Cost for Bilingual Editions		N/A

**VENDOR:** ROBERT-LESLIE PUBLISHING, THE EARLY CHILDHOOD COMPANY®

**AGE GROUP:** PRESCHOOL AGES 3-5

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## DESCRIPTION OF MANIPULATIVES/RESOURCES INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE:

### Teaching with Investigations

The InvestiGator Club® is a fully-integrated curriculum with a strong focus on STEAM and literacy experiences, social-emotional development, physical development, and family engagement. Our philosophy balances active child-centered learning through play with intentional teacher-directed instruction in seven inquiry-based Investigations.

### Investigations (Each Investigation after the 8-week Program Introduction includes all of the resources needed for 4 weekly topics, for a total of 24 topics)

1. Let's Investigate! Program Introduction
2. Under Construction
3. Healthy You
4. Finny, Feathery, Furry Friends
5. Splash and Dig
6. Watch It Grow
7. Weather Watchers

### System Resources used throughout the year:

- 8 Daily Routine Posters
- 64 Oral Language Cards (320 vocabulary words)
- Listen to Your World CD (phonological awareness)
- Alphabet Kit: Dilly's Alphabet Show Lapbook, Foam Letters, Alphabet Flapboard and Flap Fillers
- Alphabet Cards
- Investigate Math Kit: Activity Guide, Math and Sorting Board, Math Strips, Measuring Tape, Pet Counters, MathLink® Cubes, Tangrams, Foam Numbers, Foam Numeral Dice
- 20 Family Welcome Guides
- 7 Dilly and Friends® Lapbooks
- Dilly and Friends® Read Along CD
- 8 Creative Art Prints
- 2 Song Posters
- Dilly's Music and Movement CD
- Assessment and Intervention System
- 18 Dilly's Tree House™ Family Engagement Series Subscriptions (7 monthly packs to match Investigations)
- Social and Emotional Development Kit: 7 Dilly and Friends Little Books, 7 Dilly and Friends Stick Puppets, Activity Guide, 20 Outdoor Play and Learning Cards with Guide, 2 Dramatic Play Scenes, 14 sheets of Dilly and Friends Stickers

### 7 Integrated Investigations:

- 28 Flapboards® (Lift-the-flap stories) with Flap Fillers® (Change the picture behind each flap to make a new story)
- 36 Bruno's Buzz® Nonfiction Readers (6 copies of 6 titles)
- 6 Math Trade Books
- 6 Investigation Trade Books
- 35 Center Cards
- 7 Teacher Guides

RESOURCES/COSTS	DESCRIPTION	COST
Cost of Basic Curriculum Package		\$3,299.00
Shipping Charges	All products are shipped via FedEx Ground Shipping may be reduced when combined with other Robert Leslie products for larger orders. Shipping discounts can be arranged with your Educator Support Manager	10%
Cost for Bilingual Editions		\$3,299.00



**VENDOR:** TEACHING STRATEGIES

**AGE GROUP:** INFANTS, TODDLERS, TWOS

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**DESCRIPTION OF MANIPULATIVES/RESOURCES INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE:**

*The Creative Curriculum® for Infant, Toddlers & Twos, 3rd Edition, with Daily Resources* is a comprehensive curriculum that now offers expanded daily support, guidance, and inspiration to teachers and caregivers of the youngest learners. Aligned to the same research-based objectives as *GOLD®*, it allows providers to seamlessly link curriculum and assessment. It consists of *The Foundation*, three research-based volumes that provide theory, research, and best practices for providing responsive teaching and caring for very young children, and *Daily Resources*, which helps teachers and caregivers put knowledge into practice and foster children’s learning and growth.

These following resources offer a wealth of ideas for filling every day with meaningful and engaging routines and experiences for all of the children in your care: *Intentional Teaching Cards™* provide playful and engaging experiences with directions to help teachers individualize each activity to meet the unique needs of every child; *Mighty Minutes®* offer brief learning activities that can help teachers intentionally support language, literacy, math, science, social studies, and physical skills during routines and experiences; *Highlights Hello™* is a publication with stories, poetry, and simple activities that help inspire a love for reading and supporting the development of language and literacy skills; and *Book Conversation Cards™* help teachers actively engage young children in conversation during read-alouds, offering strategies for teachers and caregivers to use as they guide children in learning experiences related to *Hello*. The curriculum also includes digital *The Creative Curriculum® LearningGames®*, a series of award-winning, research-validated early learning activities for classroom and home use with young children.

RESOURCES/COSTS	DESCRIPTION	COST
Cost of Basic Curriculum Package		\$1,275.00
Shipping Charges	UPS Ground *Shipping rates may vary	12%
Cost for Bilingual Editions		\$1,500.00

**VENDOR:** TEACHING STRATEGIES

**AGE GROUP:** PRESCHOOL

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**WEBSITE:** <http://teachingstrategies.com/curriculum/>

**DESCRIPTION OF MANIPULATIVES/RESOURCES INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE:**

**The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool, 6th Edition, with Daily Resources** is everything teachers need to implement the curriculum in their program: *The Foundation* and *the Daily Resources*. Aligned to the same research-based objectives as *GOLD®*, it allows providers to seamlessly link curriculum and assessment. *The Foundation* has a brand-new volume, *Science and Technology, Social Studies & the Arts*, that helps teachers encourage children to make and test hypotheses, develop skills for using technology, explore their world and the people in it, and engage their critical thinking skills. The *Objectives for Development & Learning* volume has been expanded enabling teachers to see children’s development and learning along a progression across the whole of the early childhood years.

The *Daily Resources* are teachers key to integrating learning into every part of the day, for every child, in every area of learning. Teachers receive the *Teaching Guides* with plans for every moment of every day. Many of the *Teaching Guides* are hands-on studies that are relevant to children’s daily lives. These *Teaching Guides* offer comprehensive daily plans that support teachers as they help every child explore, investigate and learn. They also receive the *Intentional Teaching Cards™* that help them adapt activities for each child and the *Mighty Minutes®* that help them turn “in-between” time into learning time. Teachers get a diverse collection of fiction and nonfiction children’s books and the *Book Discussion Cards®* that help them promote children’s language and literacy learning, and social–emotional development, during read-alouds. The *eBooks DVD* contains English and Spanish titles from the *Teaching Strategies® Children's Book Collection*.

RESOURCES/COSTS	DESCRIPTION	COST
Cost of Basic Curriculum Package		\$2,500.00
Shipping Charges	UPS Ground *Shipping rates may vary	12%
Cost for Bilingual Editions		\$3,050

**VENDOR:** TEACHING STRATEGIES

**AGE GROUP:** MULTIPLE AGE GROUPS (FCC)

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**DESCRIPTION OF MANIPULATIVES/RESOURCES INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE:**

You can rely on the only comprehensive curriculum for the family child care setting that addresses your unique needs. Set up learning experiences that are as nurturing, intentional, and responsive for infants as they are for school-aged children. The Creative Curriculum for Family Child Care daily resources support you to:

- set up a nurturing learning environment in your home
- provide intentional and responsive caregiving for all children
- guidance for the unique family child care setting
- plan meaningful learning for children of all ages – birth to 12
- balance the needs of all families, including yours

Experience the joy and possibilities for your family child care program with guidance for your unique setting as you provide meaningful learning experiences for all children with The Creative Curriculum for Family Child Care.

RESOURCES/COSTS	DESCRIPTION	COST
Cost of Basic Curriculum Package		\$1,680.00
Shipping Charges	UPS Ground *Shipping rates may vary	12%
Cost for Bilingual Editions		\$2,655.00

**VENDOR:** TOOLS OF THE MIND

**AGE GROUP:** THREES AND FOURS

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**DESCRIPTION OF MANIPULATIVES/RESOURCES INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE:**

Tools of the Mind is a research-based early childhood model combining teacher professional development with a comprehensive innovative curriculum that helps young children to develop the cognitive, social-emotional, self-regulatory, and foundational academic skills they need to succeed in school and beyond.

The Core Professional Development Package includes:

- 5 Full-day Workshops (30 hours of professional development); virtual or in-person
  - » Focus on learning by doing; implementation of Tools approach, learning theory, deepening understanding of child development through Tools activities (teaching assistant included at no cost)
- As part of PreK Core: Fundamentals, Tools provides additional resources and services that schools and teachers may use to extend support beyond our core professional development workshops:
  - » A dedicated Partnership Development team member assigned to each classroom
  - » Video Coaching: TREE — Teachers Reaching Educational Excellence (Fundamentals Strand)
- Video coaching focused on high-impact teaching practices to support effective implementation (8 video coaching cycles throughout the school year)
- PLC meetings (30-minutes) —Facilitated discussion with small groups of teachers focused on children’s development, Tools implementation, and teacher-/program-specific Q+As
- Coaches and administrators are encouraged to attend (8 PLC meetings throughout the school year)
- Tools of the Mind Activity Manual—One per classroom
- Tools of the Mind Scaffolded Plan Book—One per classroom
- Access to 1-year Essential Subscription to Tools of the Mind online resources for lead teacher, which includes access to: eTools, iScaffold, Family Connect, Learn@Home, Tools Community, DWA tablet app for students and Teacher Data Dashboard for each lead teacher

RESOURCES/COSTS	DESCRIPTION	COST
Cost of Basic Curriculum Package	Includes training for a lead teacher and an assistant teacher	\$3,750
Shipping Charges		N/A
Cost for Bilingual Editions	Bilingual components are integrated into the basic curriculum package	\$3,750



**VENDOR:** SAVVAS LEARNING COMPANY LLC

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**AGE GROUP:** FOUR AND FIVE

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**DESCRIPTION OF MANIPULATIVES/RESOURCES INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE:**

Three Cheers provides everything you need to deliver developmentally appropriate learning experiences across all skills domains. Thoughtfully planned activities support each child’s social and emotional well-being, physical growth, and academic readiness. The rich concept development activities in Three Cheers for Pre-K are mirrored in Uno, dos, tres ¡Prekínder! to support multilingual learners.

RESOURCES/COSTS	DESCRIPTION	COST
Cost of Basic Curriculum Package	Materials Kit Additional Pricing	\$3,360
Shipping Charges	Combined Shipping and Handling	8%-10%
Cost for Bilingual Editions		\$4,200

**VENDOR:** SCHOLASTIC INC

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**AGE GROUP:** FOUR AND FIVE

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**DESCRIPTION OF MANIPULATIVES/RESOURCES INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE:**

PreK On My Way’s engaging approach helps every child develop the skills they’ll need to flourish as readers, writers, and explorers of the world. PreK On My Way provides teachers with everything they need to engage their students in educationally rich, hands-on, and diverse activities throughout the academic year. Easy-to-use print and digital materials guide instruction through monthly, weekly, and daily learning experiences.

RESOURCES/COSTS	DESCRIPTION	COST
Cost of Basic Curriculum Package		\$2,950
Shipping Charges	Standard Ground Shipping	9%
Cost for Bilingual Editions		\$2,950

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## LINKING HIGH QUALITY CURRICULUM TO GOLD®

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Each curriculum offers guidance and tools for assessing children’s growth and learning. Teachers can use this assessment information to add valuable evidence to children’s *GOLD*® portfolios, monitor progress and finalize checkpoints. Each of the high quality curriculum assessments are:

- Consistent with the *Louisiana Birth to Five Early Learning and Development Standards* and with the *GOLD*® Objectives for Development and Learning (ODLs);
- Conducted through a variety of methods such as anecdotal observations/notes, checklists, photographs, work samples, benchmark assessments, rubrics, etc.; and
- Embedded throughout activities and routines within the daily schedule (e.g. whole group, small group, center times, outdoor times, transitions, etc.).

**The assessments included in high quality curriculum help teachers know what to put into *GOLD*® and take the “guesswork” out of what should be assessed and how.**

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### HOW DO THE CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT AND *GOLD*® ASSESSMENT WORK TOGETHER? **TEACHERS...**

- ➡ Use the assessments included in the curriculum to collect information on children’s knowledge and skills. Typically, the curriculum suggests a specific activity and offers tools or guidance on how to gather the information (e.g. checklists, work samples, observations, etc.);
- ➡ Enter this assessment documentation into *GOLD*®; and
- ➡ Reflect on children’s progress in order to adjust their teaching to meet children’s needs

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### STEPS FOR USING HIGH QUALITY CURRICULUM ASSESSMENTS EFFECTIVELY:

1. Become familiar with the new curriculum assessments (for example: what type of assessment documentation is available, what skills are assessed and how often they are assessed)
2. Before teaching, review the skills covered in the daily and weekly lessons
3. Plan for when, where, which children and what skills or objectives will be assessed each day of the week
4. Enter the assessment documentation into the *GOLD*® system (for example: type anecdotal notes, copy and scan items such as checklists, upload photographs of children’s activities or work samples, etc.)
5. Use assessment information to plan future lessons and to make adaptations or accommodations to support the learning of every child

\* *The Creative Curriculum* – Follow all steps above (with the exception of Step 4) for the *The Creative Curriculum*® (Both Preschool and Infants/Toddlers and Twos). Teaching Strategies is the publisher for *The Creative Curriculum*® and *GOLD*®, and each curriculum contains assessment guidance and direct links to the ODLs.

# CONNECTING CLASS™ AND HIGH QUALITY CURRICULUM

**The most important aspects of quality in preschool education are stimulating and supportive interactions between teachers and children and effective use of curricula.**

*“Children benefit most when teachers engage in stimulating interactions that support learning and are emotionally supportive. Interactions that help children acquire new knowledge and skills provide input to children, elicit verbal responses and reactions from them, and foster engagement in and enjoyment of learning. Recent evaluations tell us that effective use of curricula focused on such specific aspects of learning as language and literacy, math, or socio-emotional development provide a substantial boost to children’s learning.”* ~ Investing in Our Future

To prepare more Louisiana children for kindergarten, the Department of Education is supporting child care programs to improve interactions and instruction through the use of high-quality Curriculum.

It is important that teachers understand how curriculum and CLASS™ are connected.

A high-quality curriculum supports effective interactions between teachers and children by providing structure, guidance, materials and activities which enable teachers to create opportunities for supportive interactions that promote children’s development and learning. In turn, the CLASS™ framework encourages teachers to use curriculum more effectively by calling for specific practices to strengthen relationships with children, engage them in learning activities and promote learning in a dynamic, age-appropriate manner.

CLASS™ 2nd Edition Dimensions	Curriculum Components	Location In the Curriculum
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Positive Climate</b></li> <li>• <b>Educator Sensitivity</b></li> <li>• <b>Regard for Child Perspectives</b></li> </ul>	<p>A high-quality curriculum promotes learning through integration of multiple domains of development. It includes appropriate materials and activities based on what children should know and be able to do. There are opportunities for children to engage in hands-on, engaging, and interactive experiences through whole group, small group and individualized attention or instruction. Children are allowed to make choices of activities, materials and peers with whom they may interact. There is a daily schedule and set of routines sensitive to children’s needs. Appropriate and on-going assessments occur in an authentic manner through daily activities and experiences. There are suggestions on how to scaffold activities, and make adaptations and accommodations to meet needs of each learner.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher Guides/Manuals</li> <li>• Listing of learning objectives for the theme/unit</li> <li>• Daily/weekly/monthly lesson plans</li> <li>• Suggested materials list(s) including teacher-made materials or those provided by families</li> <li>• Assessment examples, schedules and tools (e.g. checklists, benchmark assessments, on-line resources, etc.)</li> <li>• Suggestions for differentiating instruction (e.g. children with disabilities, ELL, advanced learners)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Behavior Management/ Behavior Guidance</b></li> <li>• <b>Productivity</b></li> <li>• <b>Instructional Learning Formats</b></li> </ul>	<p>Quality curriculum includes easy-to-follow, explicit instructions for preparing materials and for conducting lessons and experiences. It includes strategies for keeping children engaged through a consistent but flexible daily schedule and set of routines designed to maximize learning time. Included are effective transitions designed to support learning. There is a variety of developmentally appropriate materials and activities as well as suggestions for making adaptations and adjustments for their use.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher Guides/Manuals</li> <li>• Lesson descriptions/plans</li> <li>• Sample(s) of schedules</li> <li>• Listing of learning objectives for the theme/unit</li> <li>• Suggested materials list(s) (Including teacher-made materials or those provided by families)</li> <li>• Access to online materials</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Concept Development/ Facilitation of Learning and Development</b></li> <li>• <b>Quality of Feedback</b></li> <li>• <b>Language Modeling</b></li> </ul>	<p>Clear and explicit learning objectives and concepts are a cornerstone of quality curriculum. Children participate in hands-on experiences using materials that foster interactions and engagement. There are numerous opportunities for making choices as well as repeated practice of skills. Embedded in activities is significant time for children to explain their thinking, engage in conversations, and answer open-ended questions that have prompted their thought processes. There are suggestions for scaffolding activities and adapting lessons. Quality curriculum encourages language stimulation to support children’s vocabulary development and build background knowledge about a variety of topics and ideas. Appropriate and on-going assessments are integrated within daily routines and experiences allowing teachers to understand children’s level of learning. There are suggestions for extending learning beyond the class allowing children to make connections to the world around them as well as support for engagement of families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher Guides/Manuals</li> <li>• Listing of learning objectives for the theme/unit</li> <li>• Daily/weekly/monthly lessons</li> <li>• Vocabulary lists and instructions for introducing new and unique words</li> <li>• Samples of instructions or explanations within lessons</li> <li>• Open-ended questions within lessons</li> <li>• Family engagement tools and activities (newsletters, information sharing, etc.)</li> <li>• Supplemental activities/experiences</li> <li>• Suggested materials list(s) including teacher-made materials or those provided by families</li> <li>• Assessment examples, schedules and tools (e.g. checklists, benchmark assessments, on-line resources, etc.)</li> <li>• Suggestions for differentiating instruction (e.g. children with disabilities, ELL, advanced learners)</li> </ul>



