ECERS-R Materials Checklist

**Books and pictures:**
*Enough to rotate & At least three each of:*
- [ ] fantasy
- [ ] factual
- [ ] people
- [ ] animals
- [ ] science
- [ ] multiple cultures
- [ ] diverse abilities

**Encouraging children to communicate:**
*Enough to rotate- choose from items below:*
- [ ] small figures in blocks
- [ ] animals in block area
- [ ] puppets in books
- [ ] flannels pieces & board in books
- [ ] telephones
- [ ] dramatic play props
- [ ] dolls
- [ ] others

**Fine motor:**
*Enough to rotate and at least three of each:*
- [ ] small building toys such as interlocking blocks, lincoln logs
- [ ] art materials such as crayons, scissors, etc.
  - [ ] manipulatives such as beads
  - [ ] for stringing, pegs, pegboards, and sewing cards
- [ ] Puzzles - knobbed and knobless

**Art:**
*Some of each of the following:*
- [ ] drawing materials such as paper, crayons, nontoxic markers, thick pencils
- [ ] Paints
  - three-dimensional materials such as play dough, clay, wood gluing, carpentry
- [ ] collage materials
  - tools such as scissors, staplers, hole punches, tape dispensers

**Music/movement:**
*Some of each:*
- [ ] instruments
- [ ] tape/cd player
  - dance props, such as scarves, bean bags
  - variety of tapes/cds including:
  - [ ] classical
  - [ ] popular
  - [ ] cultural
  - [ ] different languages

**Blocks:**
*Enough for at least 3 children (300) and accessories – at least two types:*
  - [ ] unit blocks-wood, plastic, foam
  - [ ] including rectangles, squares, triangles, cylinders, etc.
- [ ] homemade blocks
- [ ] hollow blocks
- [ ] toy people, animals, vehicles, and road signs
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Sand/Water:
Sand AND water, both indoors AND outdoors
Variety of toys such as:
- containers
- spoons
- funnels
- scoops
- shovels
- pots & pans
- molds
- toy people, animals, and trucks

Dramatic play:
Enough materials to rotate and some of each of the following:
- housekeeping such as dolls, child-sized furniture, dress-up, kitchen utensils
- different kinds of work props, such as office, construction, farm, store, fire fighting, transportation
- fantasy, such as animals, dinosaurs, storybook characters
- leisure such as camping, sports
- multicultural items such as food, dress up, dolls, props

Nature/science:
At least some items in each of the following categories:
- collections of natural objects such as rocks, insects, seed pods
- living things such as house plants, gardens, pets
- nature science books, games, or toys
- such as matching cards, sequence cards
- nature/science activities such as cooking, experiments with magnets, magnifying glasses, sink and float

Math/number:
Enough materials to rotate and at least 3-5 of the following types:
- small objects to count
- materials for measuring, such as spoons, cups, tapes, scales, etc.
- materials for learning shapes & sizes
- materials for recognizing numbers
Some examples include:
- rulers, number puzzles, magnetic numbers, number games such as dominoes or number lotto, geometric shapes, parquetry blocks