



What Curriculum is Right for You?

Where do I begin?

(Term preschool will be used in place of preschool/childcare/daycare)

There are so many preschool curriculums available for your preschool that at times, the decision on which one you would like to use can be overwhelming!

This page will hopefully help you to decide what type of curriculum is best for you. I will not be promoting any other curriculum on this page, only giving some insight to what is available out there for your preschool.

Pre-packaged

There are several companies that sell pre-packaged curriculum. This is a great idea if you would like to keep doing a preschool program easy.

Each month you will order for the number of children that you have in your preschool program. You will receive a shipment before the start of your month containing all the accessories for the activities included each month. They do not provide normal supplies such as scissors, crayons, glue and paint. This is something you should already have in your program.

When going with a pre-packaged program you normally must order different packages for the different ages of children in your preschool.

Costs vary each month depending on the program you use.

A sample cost located online:

Baby 3 children - \$74.00.

Toddler 4 children - \$97.

Preschool 3 children - \$91.00

Multi-ages 7 children \$111.

Pros to a pre-packaged program:

- Everything is done for you
- There is established structure
- Professionals put the curriculum together
- You can save 10% if you pre-pay

Cons to a pre-packaged program:

- Substantial cost each month
- There is no assurance what you buy is right for your preschool
- You are paying for a specific number of children each month
- Papers not used creating leftovers



Downloads from online Curriculum

There are preschool curriculum companies that put their programs onto the internet. You can purchase and use in your program. You might have the opportunity to join an on line membership or purchase each file directly off of the internet..

When deciding to try this option, most web sites that offer this option will have available "free" downloads so that you can see the quality of the program you are purchasing.

Downloads are cost effective, if they are a program that you want to use in your preschool program.

Once you have the downloads, they are yours to use year after year. Please check with preschool program before purchasing to find out their use of each program.

You print up each day the number of sheets that you need. No worry if you have more children for the day because you can print up extra sheets.

Pros to downloads

- Cost efficient
- Print up what you need each day
- No waste
- Use year after year
- If you go to downloads, there is support to help you when needed

Cons to downloads

- If you have no computer experience, you might be confused as to how to download the program and save on computer
- More costly because you have to use your own ink and paper

Whatever type of preschool you decide to go with, you have the option to change it up, and try something different.

You want to find a program that is going to give you fun themes that children will enjoy, fun, learning, hands on activities that children will love and a program that isn't going to overwhelm you.

Talk to other teachers, in home childcare providers and find out what program they use. Word of mouth is the best for of advertisement.



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