
North Iowa Community Action Organization Head Start program uses the Creative Curriculum for Preschool (Fifth Edition) in all of their classrooms in the North Iowa area. The curriculum is research and evidence based. It is developmentally appropriate for children ages 3-5. Developmentally appropriate means teaching in ways that match the way children develop and learn. The curriculum takes a look at the following areas of development:

- Social/Emotional
 - Physical
 - Language
 - Cognitive
 - Literacy
 - Mathematics
 - Science and Technology
 - Social Studies
 - The Arts
 - English Language Acquisition
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Creative
Curriculum for
Preschool

Fifth Edition



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Creative Curriculum for Preschool



Blocks:

The hardwood unit blocks you see in our classroom are one of the most valuable learning materials we have. They come in exact sizes and shapes. For this reason when children build with blocks they learn math concepts such as the number of blocks that fill a certain space. They compare the height of their buildings and learn about geometric shapes. When they lift, shove, stack, and move blocks, they explore weights and size.



Dramatic Play:

In the Dramatic Play Area children take on different roles and recreate real-life experiences. They use props and make-believe to deepen their understanding about the world they live in.



Toys & Games:

Toys and games include puzzles, various table blocks, small construction materials such as Legos, board games, and collections of objects. When children use toys and games, they explore how things work and learn to be creative and use their imaginations; strengthen and control the small muscles in their hands.



Art:

Art is an important part of our curriculum. Every day, children find a variety of art materials available on our shelves. Drawing, painting, pasting, molding and constructing are not only enjoyable but also provide important opportunities for learning.



Library:

The library area is a very important part of our classroom and of your child's life. It's where children gain the foundation for reading and writing.



Discovery

Young children have many questions about the world around them. They ask: "Where did the puddle go?" "what do worms eat?" In our classroom the Discovery Area is a place where children can explore and investigate to answer their questions.



Outdoors:

Physical exercise and fresh air are important for your child's health and well being. We take children outdoors every day so they can run, jump, climb, and use all the large muscles in their bodies.



Sand & Water:

Although you're probably used to seeing your children splash in the bathtub and dig in a sandbox at the playground, you may be surprised to know that the Sand and Water area is an important part of our school program. When children pour water into measuring cups, they are exploring math concepts. When they comb sand into patterns, they learn about math and art.



Music & Movement:

Singing and moving to music give the children a chance to hear and appreciate different kinds of music, express themselves through their movement and practice new skills.



Cooking:

When children cook, they have an opportunity to learn about nutrition, to be creative, and to prepare their own snacks.