## Literacy Implementation Checklist: Literacy in the Overall Environment

## Do Teachers...

1. Include print that

a. labels objects (e.g., names on cubbies),
b. provides information (e.g., daily schedule, recipe, instructions on how to wash hands),
c. provides narrative descriptions (e.g., dictation about artwork), and
d. identifies classroom practices (e.g., waiting lists, job charts)?
2. Provide a variety of books (3 or more in each category) including
a. Narrative
b. Predictable
c. Alphabet
d. Number/counting
e. Informational
f. Rhyming
g. Other texts (e.g., magazines, signs, charts)
3. Include a variety of materials written in English and other languages spoken by the children in the class:
a. Books (3 or more) in at least 5 interest areas
$\square$ Blocks
$\square$ Dramatic Play
$\square$ Toys \& Games
$\square$ Art
Library
$\square$ Discovery
$\square$ Sand \& Water
$\square$ Music \& Movement $\square$ Cooking
Computers

Outdoors
b. Other texts (3 or more) in at least 3 interest areas

| $\square$ Blocks | $\square$ Dramatic Play | $\square$ Toys \& Games $\quad \square$ Art | $\square$ Library |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ Discovery | $\square$ Sand \& Water | $\square$ Music \& Movement $\square$ Cooking | $\square$ Computers |

$\square$ Outdoors
4. Offer a variety of writing materials (e.g., paper, notebpads, markers,
 appointment books, envelopes, chalkboards, wipe-off boards, sign-up sheets) in at least 5 interest areas?
Blocks
Dramatic Play
Toys \& Games
Art
Library
$\square$ Discovery Sand \& Water
Music \& Movement $\square$ Cooking
Computers
$\square$ Outdoors
5. Display the alphabet at the children's eye level?

## Literacy Implementation Checklist: Literacy in the Library Area

## Do Teachers...

1. Make the Library Area available as a choice activity on a daily basis?

YES NO
2. Provide a variety of materials and furnishings to make the space comfortable and attractive (e.g., carpeted floor, good lighting, beanbag chairs, child-size rocker) where children can look at books?
a. Feature \#1:
b. Feature \#2:
c. Feature \#3: $\qquad$
3. Provide space and materials for listening (e.g., books stored together with
 tapes or CDs, cassette recorder or CD players, two headphones)?
4. Include a

a. Bookshelf to display books facing out?
b. Table and chairs for writing?
c. Shelf for writing materials?
5. Provide a variety of materials to
a. Write on (e.g., assorted lined and unlined paper, chalkboards, envelopes, stationery)

1) $\qquad$
2) $\qquad$
3) 

b. Write with (e.g., pencils, pens, markers, chalk)
1)
2)
3)
c. Letter and Word Manipulatives (e.g., letter stamps, name cards, alphabet cards for children to handle and use as models)?

1) $\qquad$
2) $\qquad$
3) $\qquad$
6. Display (with covers facing out) at least 25 children's books (e.g., storybooks;
 nursery rhymes; and informational, predictable, alphabet, and number/counting books)?
7. Provide books and related props for retelling stories (e.g., hand puppets, flannel board, magnetic board, or story apron related to a particular story?)

## Literacy Implementation Checklist: Guiding Children's Literacy Learning

## Do Teachers...

1. Read books to individuals as well as to large and small groups at least twice everyday, and prompt children to interact and respond (e.g., take a picture walk through the story before reading, leave out a work so children can fill it in, ask open-ended questions, relate the story to prior experiences)?
2. Engage children in retelling a story using puppets, flannel board figures,
$\square$ or props?
3. Draw children's attention to the sounds of language through playful songs, stories, rhymes, and chants to help develop phonological awareness?
4. Draw children's attention to

a. concepts of print (e.g., left to right, top to bottom) and
b. concepts of books (e.g., author, illustrator, book-handling skills, turning pages)?
5. Draw children's attention to letters and words (e.g., reading big books and pointing to words, taking a walk to look for signs, writing a group thank-you letter)?
6. Talk with children throughout the day, modeling correct grammar, introducing new vocabulary and asking questions to encourage children to express their ideas in words?
7. Write with children (e.g., record their ideas and stories, write experience charts, write a thank you note to a visitor) and encourage children to write (e.g., put their names on artwork, create a shopping list in dramatic play, make signs for a block structure)?
