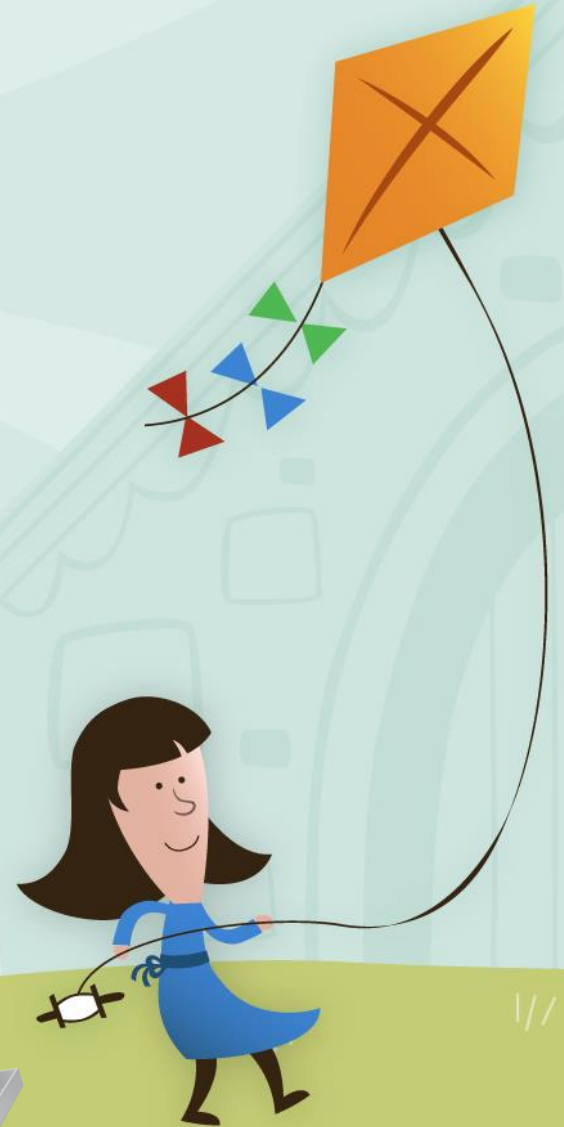


The Treasure Box

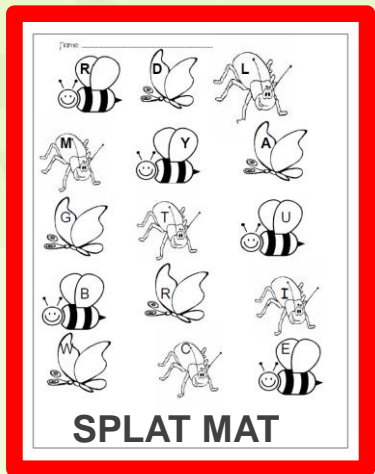
Parent Comments on Round 1

Participation

- 50 Families
- 25% Returned Survey
- 10% Personal Interviews



Which activities were always used?

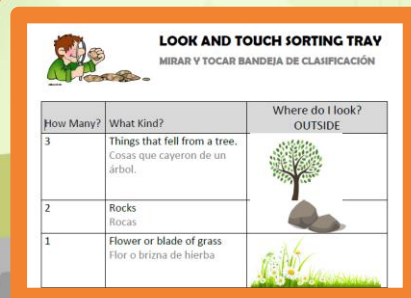
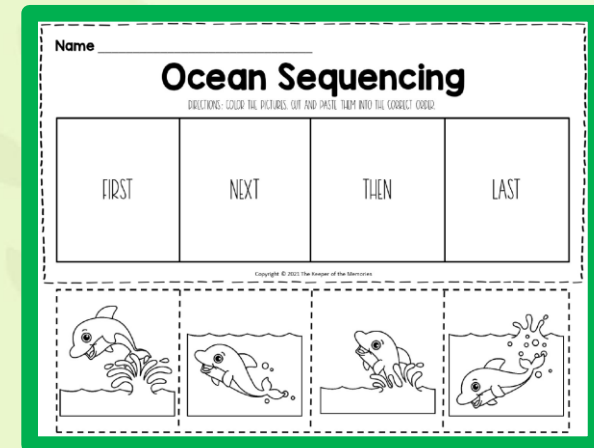


60% Letters

60% Reading

75% Math

42% Sensory Activities
(science, art, movement)



Aa Bb Cc

- Worksheets
- Games
- Puzzles

1-2-3

- Sorting
- Counting
- Subitizing

BOOKS & SONGS

- 2 Books per month
- Songs & finger plays
- Storytelling & re-reads

SCIENCE & ART

- Every day science
- Arts & crafts
- Movement

WA KIDS ASSESSMENT AREAS

Social Emotional

Physical

Language

Cognitive

Literacy

Mathematics

Social Emotional

- 1a. Manages feelings
- 1b. Follows limits and expectations
- 1c. Takes care of own needs appropriately
- 2c. Interacts with peers

- 3a. Balances needs and rights of self and others
- 3b. Solves social problems

Physical

- 4. Demonstrates traveling skills
- 5. Demonstrates balancing skills
- 7a. Uses fingers and hands
- 7b. Uses writing and drawing tools

Language

- 8a. Comprehends language
- 8b. Follows directions
- 9b. Speaks clearly
- 10a. Engages in conversation

Cognitive

- 11a. Attends and engages
- 11b. Persists
- 11c. Solves problems
- 12a. Recognizes and recalls
- 13. Uses classification skills
- 14a. Thinks symbolically

Literacy

- 15a. Notices and discriminates rhyme
- 15c. Notices discriminates smaller & smaller units
- 16a. Identifies and names letters
- 16b. Uses letter-sound knowledge
- 17b. Uses print concepts
- 18b. Uses emergent reading skills
- 19a. Writes name

Mathematics

- 20a. Counts

"My child ate anything that was considered a snack in the box, usually before I knew he was in it."

"Coloring was a favorite, anything that took time was not a favorite ..."



78% of respondents named **Letter Recognition and Counting activities** as the most important skills for preparing for preschool.

Understanding the Standards

Many **parents are unaware of standards** beyond learning the alphabet and numbers. While many commented that their child was distracted, frustrated or resisted certain activities, **only two parents mentioned that self regulation was an important skill** to learn.

Fine Motor Skills Practice – Parent Feedback for Son with IEP



Mom LOVES the fine motor skill practice and the variety of manipulative activities since her son struggles with only certain skills. Scissors? - no problem. Dropping water out of a pipette? - took some practice to learn to squeeze and regulate how much water came out.

From an OT perspective the boxes have been a HUGE help. (the preschool does pull out OT and they have been looking for an OT assistant for over a year)



"The ones where he was learning his letters.

His teacher even noticed he had improved in that area after completing most of the activities in the boxes."

"He did some preschool this summer, and they were using the same worksheets that we have been using. He was super excited because he knew how to do them. He brought one home from school and showed me it matched the one he already did on the fridge."



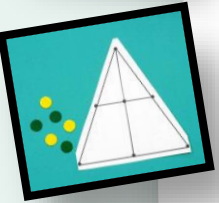
67% of respondents said their child had attended some form of preschool – public or co-op - in addition to using the boxes.

Home to School Connections

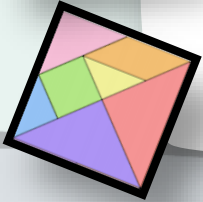
Almost **70%** of parents reported the biggest challenge in using the boxes was TIME!
Still – **100%** of parents said they believed the Treasure Boxes helped prepare their child for school.



"There really hasn't been anything she didn't get excited about!"



"The favorites were the sensory and math activities."

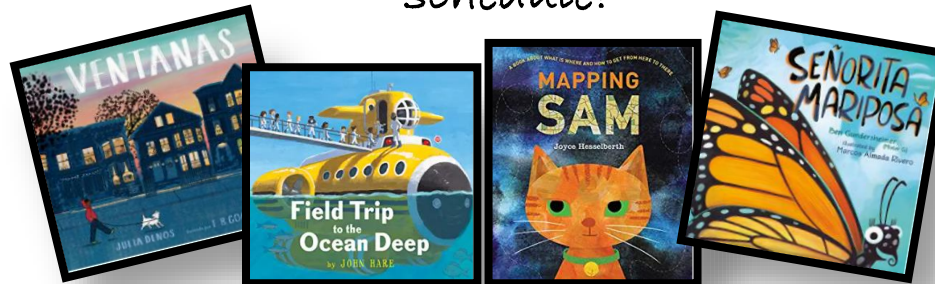


"My girls liked anything that involved crafting and reading the books."



"I think the most helpful ones were the books because it gave him time to **sit still and listen** but also tell the story using his own thoughts and letting us have a **conversation**. Which i think is important for them to **put their thought process into words** and have the ability to talk about it."

The books are always a hit. We read all at bedtime so even with the challenge of time, it still fits into our busy schedule!



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Favorites!



67% of parents let their child **choose the activities based on interest** rather than following a schedule.

Assumptions Confirmed by Feedback

- **Low Prep – No Prep** is a must. Parents don't have time to cut out, glue or assemble activities.
 - **Other children** are almost always involved in Treasure Box activities.
 - Mostly Mom – but sometimes **older siblings** (ages 9, 14) are implementing.
 - While most folks are using the boxes for grab and go preschool moments, some are following instructions and using ALL **64 activities**.
 - Treasure Boxes were used **many different times** depending on family need – mornings, afternoons, weekends or varied schedule.
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- About 4 out of 14 respondents took the **Spanish** survey.
 - **English use** was a struggle for one of the children.
 - One parent asked if we could include **more Spanish** as children should learn both languages!

Key Improvements Needed based on Feedback

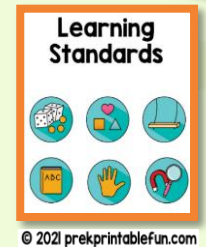
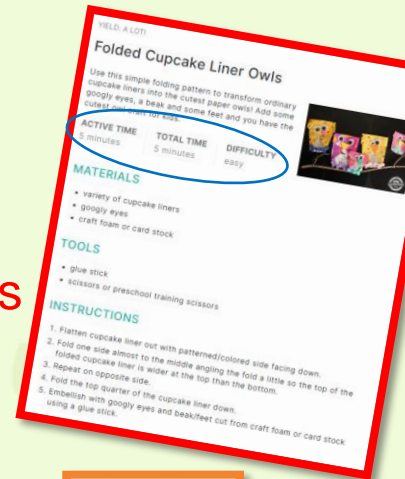
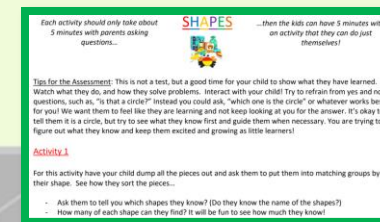
Survey/Interview Results

- Narrative instructions are hard to follow.
- Many activities took too long to complete.
- Parents don't see the need for non-academic skills.
- Too many days – too many activities.
- Child had mastered the content.



Needed Improvement

- Step by Step Numbered Instructions ONLY
- Time budget will be included with each activity on the weekly outline.
- Skills at a glance will be put in front of them for all activities - using icons.
- 64 activities will continue to be offered as a way of promoting choice
- Assessments will help parents choose skills that need more attention.



“I love the activities that had manipulatives, like the laminated counting sheets and the science activities”

He loved the toys and snacks which motivated him to continue until they were done.

I loved all the activities! They were all useful. I can't think of

All the activities were great!

an activity I didn't like.

We liked all the activities

Everything was interesting and fun.

He liked everything. But loved the more interactive kits

The favorites were the sensory and math activities.

My daughter loves the books, writing activities, and math.

His was anything that he was able to use his hands

Mom says they were all her favorite but they her son pitched in and said that some were hard for him:)

He says that writing was more of a challenge for him and that he liked all the other ones.