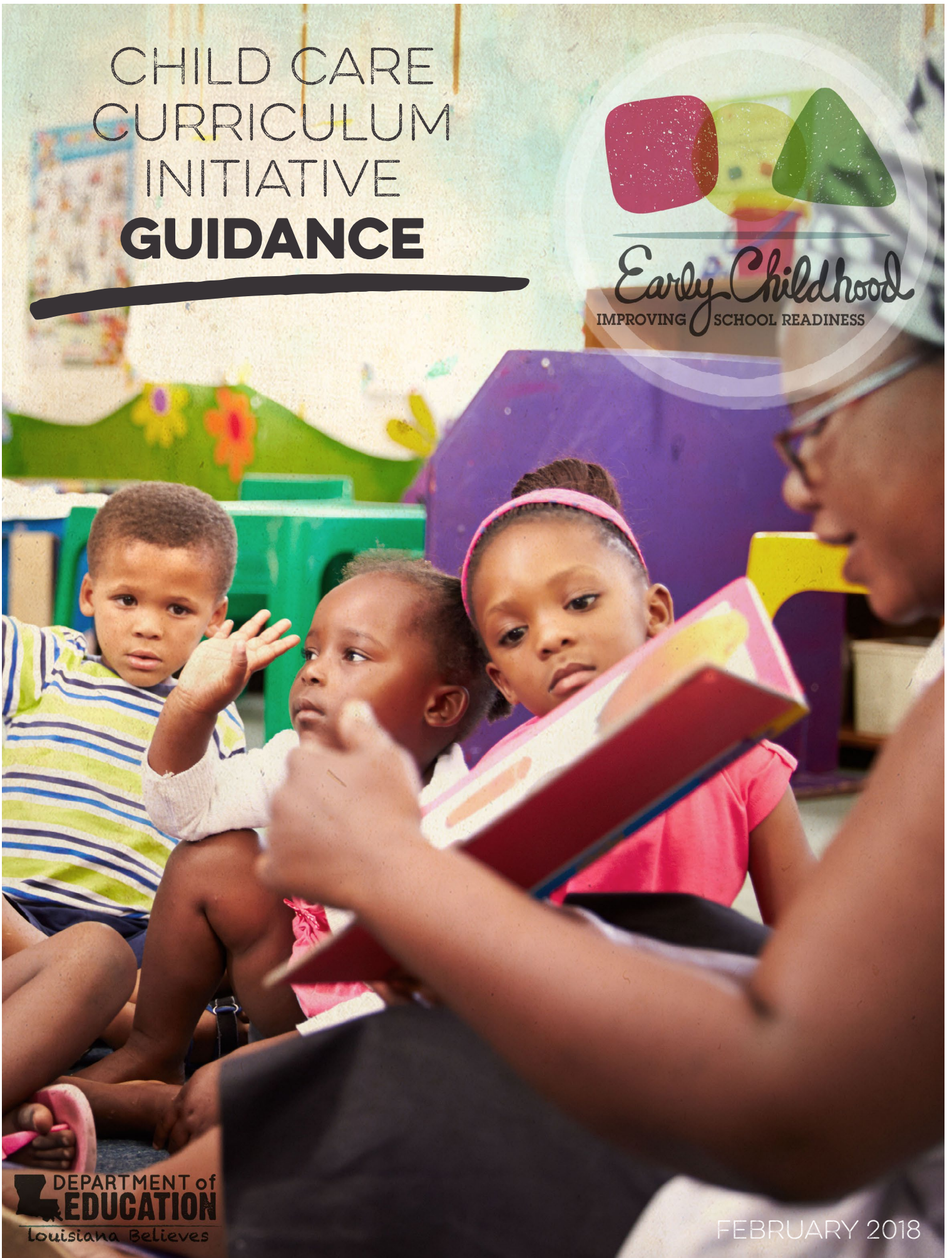


CHILD CARE CURRICULUM INITIATIVE **GUIDANCE**



Early Childhood
IMPROVING SCHOOL READINESS



CHILD CARE CURRICULUM INITIATIVE

To improve kindergarten readiness, the Louisiana Department of Education is supporting teachers in Type III child care centers by reimbursing a portion of the cost for Tier I Early Childhood Curriculum.

STEP 1 → PURCHASE TIER I CURRICULUM

- ✓ Review the Guidance on choosing Tier I curriculum.
- ✓ Purchase an Infant/Toddler and/or PreK Tier I curriculum kit from the list of approved curricula. KEEP INVOICE(S) AND DELIVERY RECEIPT(S). See Note*

STEP 2 → CONTACT YOUR LOCAL RESOURCE & REFERRAL AGENCY

<http://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/early-childhood/2014-early-childhood-map---child-care-resource.pdf>

- ✓ Complete an application and sign assurances.
- ✓ Complete an Implementation Plan.
- ✓ Provide receipts for the purchased curriculum.
- ✓ Get reimbursed for 80% (*maximum \$4,000*) of the cost of the curriculum.

STEP 3 → FOLLOW UP WITH TRAINING AND CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION

- ✓ Participate in a general training on implementing a curriculum through your R & R.
- ✓ Provide updates and reports as requested by your R & R, and state office.

STEP 4 → TRAIN YOUR TEACHERS ON CURRICULUM

- ✓ Provide Tier I curriculum and materials to teachers with adequate training and time so they are prepared to use these tools.
- ✓ Ensure all other classroom materials not included with the curriculum support children in meeting the standards.
- ✓ Ensure all other training teachers receive support the instructional approaches and strategies found in the curriculum.

STEP 5 → ENTER CURRICULUM INFORMATION INTO TEACHINGS STRATEGIES GOLD® SYSTEM

- ✓ Enter Tier I Curriculum information into the appropriate field for all classrooms.
- ✓ Contact Ivy.Starns@la.gov if there are any challenges entering this information.

* You may purchase a maximum of two curriculum kits. This can be any combination of infant, infant/toddler, or PreK curriculum or two of the same curriculum.

GUIDANCE FOR SELECTING THE RIGHT CURRICULUM FOR YOUR PROGRAM:

In Louisiana, early learning centers are able to choose instructional materials that are best for their children and families. The Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) is supporting programs in choosing curricula appropriate for children age birth to five that are grounded in helping teachers provide quality interactions and instruction. Through a rigorous evaluation process, the LDE is rating curriculum based on:

- Alignment to the *Birth to Five Standards*
- Cultural and linguistic sensitivity
- Options for family engagement
- Ease of use by staff
- Quality and complexity of learning activities
- Embedded assessment
- Potential for individualizing instruction
- Developmental appropriateness

Note that child care centers in Louisiana can choose any curricula they prefer. However, as part of the Child Care **Curriculum Initiative** grant, early learning centers are only eligible to receive reimbursement for the purchase and implementation of the Tier I curriculum through a state contract. These resources are highly recommended because they met all criteria and indicators of quality, and they support interactions and effective instruction.

BEFORE CHOOSING A CURRICULUM, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CENTER DIRECTORS:

1. Read the [online reviews](#) and compare unique features of each.
2. Preview the Tier I curriculum through the publisher websites (see the names and links in the chart below).
3. Conduct a meeting with staff and share information about the Tier I curriculum. Assess their ability to and interest in successfully implementing the curriculum.
 - Would materials and activities be easy for them to follow?
 - Would teachers use the embedded assessments to help them plan?
 - Would teachers use guidance for communicating with families on their child's education and care?

Name of Publisher and Curriculum	Provides Read-Aloud Books (Big Books)	Provides Read-Aloud Books (Small Books)	Provides Materials for Learning Centers or Activity Areas (such as manipulatives, games, toys, etc.)	Provides Pictures, Charts and Other text samples	Provides Age-Appropriate Technology Resources (such as interactive games and activities, on-line resources, headphones, etc.)	Provides CDs or other Audio Resources	Includes Training Costs in Basic Curriculum Package Costs
INFANT/TODDLER CURRICULUM OPTIONS							
FROG STREET PRESS <i>Frog Street</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
KAPLAN EARLY LEARNING COMPANY <i>Learn Every Day, the Program for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos</i>			✓	✓		✓	
ROBERT-LESLIE PUBLISHING <i>The InvestiGator Club</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		
TEACHING STRATEGIES <i>The Creative Curriculum®</i>		✓	✓		✓		
THREE- AND FOUR-YEAR-OLD CURRICULUM OPTIONS							
ABRAMS LEARNING TRENDS <i>Develop, Inspire, Grow (DIG)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	See Note*
FROG STREET PRESS <i>Frog Street</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT <i>BIG DAY FOR PREK</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	See Note*
PEARSON <i>Our World of Learning (OWL)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ROBERT-LESLIE PUBLISHING <i>The InvestiGator Club</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TEACHING STRATEGIES <i>The Creative Curriculum®</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
VOYAGER SOPRIS LEARNING <i>We Can Early Learning Curriculum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

* Initial Program Implementation training orients new users to the program's basics, foundational research base, learning objectives and alignment to standards. Delivery options include virtual self-guided training, included free with the program, or in-person, facilitator-led training at an additional cost of \$2,295 (30 people).

For questions, please contact: Erin Carroll: Erin.Carroll@la.gov

VENDOR: ABRAMS LEARNING TRENDS

AGE GROUP: 3-4

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DESCRIPTION OF MANIPULATIVES/RESOURCES INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE:

DIG is a comprehensive Pre-K curriculum, designed with a thematic approach that balances developmentally appropriate skills with the right amount of play. DIG offers daily Math and Literacy instruction, a strong social emotional strand using all 26 of The Letter People puppets, integrated science and social studies themes, Dr. Jean Feldman is featured in our Action Rhymes, Finger Plays and Songs and we offer ongoing formative assessment. An attachment is provided that shows a complete list of DIG components.

For additional information about DIG, please contact Jeff Rowlands at jeffr@abramslearningtrends.com or call at 512-735-2867

Cost of Basic Curriculum Package: \$2,895.00

RESOURCES/COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE	DESCRIPTION	COST
Shipping Charges and Tax (if applicable)	10% shipping charge	\$289.50
Training Costs	Abrams Learning Trends offers free online training modules available to teachers 24/7 with actual classroom footage of DIG in action with students. We will also offer free in-person implementation training for larger groups.	Free half-day in-person implementation training for larger groups (15 purchased classrooms or more) \$2295.00 for a half day session otherwise
Technology Access/ Resources	MyDIGPreK online offers digital assets for the teacher including teacher's guides and BLMs. Our Letter People games offer students additional opportunities for practice of letter and sound recognition.	MyDIGPreK is free the first 3 years and \$99.00 annually afterwards. Access to The Letter People Games is \$99.00 annually.
Supplemental/ Optional Materials	The Letter People Meet and Greet Cards and the Letter People Stickables are both optional materials that can be purchased annually.	\$99.00 and \$35.00 (stickables)
Cost for Bilingual Editions	DIG offers differentiation for English Language Learners at point of use for the teacher in the teacher's guide. DIG is an English only Pre-K curriculum.	N/A

VENDOR: FROG STREET PRESS

AGE GROUP: INFANTS, TODDLERS, TWOS, AND 3-5

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Description of Manipulatives/Resources Included in Basic Curriculum Package:

Frog Street Infant Curriculum 0-18 Months*

Frog Street Infant Curriculum is designed around the latest early brain research. The curriculum consists of 264 easy-to-follow domain-based activity cards specifically developed for little one 0-18 months. The program is designed to equip caregiver to foster essential growth and build a strong learning foundation.

Frog Street Infant Curriculum is inclusive of age appropriate manipulatives for active exploration (easy grip-ball, Frog Street Easel with a clear-view photo pocket and mirrored surface, five-piece music band, two pocket cubes and Peeper Puppets. The Frog Street Infant Curriculum Welcome Books provides detailed instructions for teacher created materials (baggie book, bottle roller, box tunnels, drop slot, drums and drumsticks, glove puppet, face puzzles and much more). Technology integration is covered via Frog Street Baby Songs, Frog Street Baby Games and a pattern cd of teacher created materials. Lily the Puppet is an integral component of the curriculum and member of the class (supporting stories, children's questions and movement activities.)

Frog Street Toddler Curriculum 18-36 Months*

Frog Street Toddler Curriculum is designed around the latest brain research and includes 52 weeks of easy-to-use activities created specifically for little ones 18-36 months old. Dr. Pam Schiller is the senior author of all three programs, in which Dr. Becky Bailey's Conscious Discipline is utilized. Dr. Bailey's Conscious Discipline guidelines are integrated into all three programs to build continuity.

The program is designed equipping and fostering caregivers in essential growth, meeting the needs of all learners, and embracing the joy of learning each day. Frog Street Toddler includes 13 thematic activity guides that offer hundreds of domain-based activity choices ,which are intentional, integrated, and child centered. Toddlers will be immersed in a language-rich environment essential for developing both receptive and expressive language skills. Frog Street Toddler offers activities supporting cause-and-effect, providing toddlers with fun physical challenges with special emphasis placed on social emotional development via the integration of Conscious Discipline. In addition, Frog Street Toddler supports children at many developmental levels and embedded professional development provides numerous opportunities for enriched understanding for teachers.

Frog Street Toddler Curriculum highlights four suggested learning centers each week. The Frog Street Activity Guides illustrate curriculum manipulatives for the learning centers (bouncing balls, Peeper Puppets, beach ball, shape beanbags, frog beanbags, eye droppers and a easy-grip ball). Instructions for teacher created items are found in each activity guide within the Things to Make Appendix. A common listing of supplies to gather is found in each learning center section. Max the Puppet is a cornerstone to the curriculum and the class.

* The Infant and Toddler Curriculum are typically sold separately, but for the purpose of the Curriculum Initiative grant these two resources have been bundled into a single package offering.

Cost of Basic Curriculum Package: Infant: \$849.99 Toddler: \$999.99

RESOURCES/COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE	DESCRIPTION	COST
Shipping Charges and Tax (if applicable)	Shipping is charged at 10%	10%
Training Costs	Get the right start with an in-depth implementation training that will ensure your new, comprehensive Frog Street Curriculum is being used with fidelity. We will investigate components of the curriculum by content area and link application of use in instruction to state specific Early Learning Standards. Educators will review the specific skills integrated into the daily lessons, with a focus on developing social emotional skills using a variety of strategies from Conscious Discipline.	Frog Street Infant Implementation Training with an on-site consultant (6) hours \$3,500. Live webinars \$1,000@ 1 hour \$1,500@ 2 hour \$2000@ 3hours Recorded webinar \$299
Technology Access/ Resources	Frog Street Infant Digital Dashboard provides teacher guidance in getting started with the program. The Frog Street Welcome Book and introductory curriculum are accessible. Teachers are given access to the infant daily report, medication authorization form, parent letters and sign language poster in English and Spanish. There is additional information provided for activities and assessments are included on the dashboard. The Frog Street Toddler Digital Dashboard provides teacher guidance in getting started with the program. The Frog Street Toddler Welcome Book and introductory curriculum videos are comprehensive resources included on the dashboard. Teachers are given access to developmental checklists, learning goals forms, and anecdotal observation record forms. Lesson planners and supplies to gathers are accessible via the dashboard. Parent engagement materials are provided supporting the home and school communication connection.	0
Supplemental/ Optional Materials		N/A
Cost for Bilingual Editions	Infant Toddler	\$849 \$1,199.99

Frog Street Threes Ages 36-48 months

Frog Street Threes is designed around the latest brain research and is a comprehensive bridge between Frog Street Toddler and Frog Street Pre-K. Dr. Pam Schiller is the senior author of all three programs, in which Dr. Becky Bailey's Conscious Discipline is utilized. Dr. Bailey's Conscious Discipline guidelines are integrated into all three programs to build continuity.

Each week of instruction is neatly organized into a 10-page section of activity choices. The first page of each 10-page section offers an overview of the week's theme, the Wonderful Word of the Week, the Week at a Glance, a list of materials to gather, and things to make and do in preparation for the week's activities. Greeting Circle activities encourage children to participate in "brain smart" activities that set the tone for their emotional well-being and challenge them to focus on pro-social skills. The morning message is designed to teach foundational literacy skills. Frog Street Threes offers literacy lessons using Read-Alouds as a springboard. Frog Street Threes provides a bridge between toddlerhood and preschool. Music and movement activities are included in the daily routine. Math skills are presented throughout the program along a continuum that allows children to take what they know about one concept and apply it to the next. A STEAM lesson is offered with each week of instruction. STEAM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. Practice centers (learning centers) are small-group workstations. The purpose of the Closing Circle is to reflect upon and review the activities of the day. Regular communication is the key to having successful partnerships with families. In week 1 of each theme, you will be reminded to reproduce and send home theme letters, Parents Are Teachers Tool mats, and the numbered Family Connections Cards.

Frog Street Threes includes nine thematic teaching guides offering 36 weeks of easy-to-use instruction created specifically for three-year-olds. Each guide begins with a theme overview outlining all four weeks of instruction in that theme.

Program components include a literature library (English titles, Spanish titles, a bilingual development storybook, magnetic bilingual Story Folders, Conscious Discipline titles). In addition, vocabulary cards, photo activity cards, "Sing and Read" Alphabet eStories, hands-on card sets and letter cards. Math manipulatives and CDs with Storage Case. Fernando plush puppet is integral to the curriculum and the class.

Cost of Basic Curriculum Package: \$1,799.99

RESOURCES/COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE	DESCRIPTION	COST
Shipping Charges and Tax (if applicable)	Shipping is charged at 10%	10%
Training Costs	Get the right start with an in-depth implementation training that will ensure your new, comprehensive Frog Street Threes Curriculum is being used with fidelity. We will investigate components of the curriculum by content area and link application of use in instruction to state specific Early Learning Standards. Educators will review the specific skills integrated into the daily lessons, with a focus on developing social emotional skills using a variety of strategies from Conscious Discipline.	Frog Street Threes Implementation Training with an on-site consultant (6) hours \$3,500. Live webinars \$1,000@ 1 hour \$1,500@2 hours \$2000@ 3 hours Recorded webinar \$399
Technology Access/ Resources	Frog Street Threes Digital Online Portal is included with purchase of the Frog Street Threes Curriculum. The online dashboard provides teacher access to a getting started video featuring Dr. Pam Schiller, assessments, lesson planners, family connections materials, eStories, and patterns.	N/A
Supplemental/ Optional Materials		N/A
Cost for Bilingual Editions		\$2,199.99

Frog Street Pre-K 3-5 Years Old

Frog Street Pre-K is a comprehensive, research-based curriculum that integrates instruction across developmental domains and is aligned to state and national standards. . Dr. Pam Schiller is the senior author of all three programs, in which Dr. Becky Bailey’s Conscious Discipline is utilized. Dr. Bailey’s Conscious Discipline guidelines are integrated into all three programs to build continuity.

The cornerstones of the curriculum include integrated lessons, social-emotional development using Conscious Discipline, differentiated instruction and a joyful approach to learning. Frog Street Pre-K includes nine thematic guides offering 180 day of instruction for a full-year program.

Frog Street Pre-K English and Bilingual Curricula each include a Welcome to Frog Street Pre-K Guide. A comprehensive explanation of each learning center is included in the guide. Learning centers in Frog Street Pre-K allow children to practice skills learned in whole-class and small-group instruction, learn independence, self-direction, and collaboration skills, work at their own level, practice decision making and receive individualized teacher scaffolding daily. Examples of learning centers and accompanying materials, are the ABC Center (Photo Pockets with Pockets Letters), Language and Literacy Center (sequence cards, rebus posters, and story folder props), Math Center (frog counters, pattern blocks, connecting cubes, attribute buttons and pocket cube with dot cards and Technology Center (Frog Street Pre-K Interactive Software). In addition, common supplies to gather are included in the learning center descriptions. Also, ideas for learning centers can be found in the teacher guides. Fanny Frog Puppet is integral to the curriculum and the class.

Cost of Basic Curriculum Package: \$2,999.99

RESOURCES/COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE	DESCRIPTION	COST
Shipping Charges and Tax (if applicable)	Shipping is charged at 10%	10%
Training Costs	Get the right start with an in-depth implementation training that will ensure your new, comprehensive Frog Street Pre-K Curriculum is being used with fidelity. We will investigate components of the curriculum by content area and link application of use in instruction to state specific Early Learning Standards. Educators will review the specific skills integrated into the daily lessons, with a focus on developing social emotional skills using a variety of strategies from Conscious Discipline.	Frog Street Pre-K Implementation Training with an on-site consultant (6) hours \$3,500. Live webinars \$1,000@1 hour \$1,500@2 hours \$2000@3 hours Recorded webinar \$599
Technology Access/ Resources	Frog Street Pre-K Digital Online Library is include with purchase of the Frog Street Pre-K Curriculum. The online dashboard provides teacher access to assessments, lesson plans, family engagement materials, teacher guides, resource books and the children’s literature collection. In addition, families can access the children’s literature collection.	No additional cost
Supplemental/ Optional Materials		N/A
Cost for Bilingual Editions		\$3,612.47

VENDOR: HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT

AGE GROUP: 3-4

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DESCRIPTION OF MANIPULATIVES/RESOURCES INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE:

Big Day for PreK® is a comprehensive program that supports a full-year prekindergarten curriculum. It embraces children's natural curiosity and builds the foundation for success in school and life. *Big Day for PreK*'s approach to learning is grounded in cognitive research and builds on young children's knowledge of and curiosity about the world around them. Aligned to Louisiana's Academic Standards, the Louisiana Birth to Five Early Learning and Development Standards (ELDS), the Head Start Outcomes, and the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS), this comprehensive curriculum

is designed to ensure children acquire new knowledge, skills, and understanding each day through hands-on experience, purposeful play, and teacher-led instruction.

Big Day for PreK® is organized into eight engaging and child-friendly themes with materials and activities that build knowledge, skills, and concepts that foster integrated learning. Each theme incorporates an important social-emotional focus, in addition to the knowledge focus, to ensure children learn key social skills.

Big Day for PreK® is published in two editions: English and English/Spanish.

Classroom Materials

- 25 Theme Big Books*
- Letter Cards*
- 16 Little Books*
- Picture Cards*
- 8 Audiobooks*
- Math Mats*
- 55 Read Aloud Books*
- Number Cards
- 8 Alphabet Books*
- Science Posters*
- 10 Clifford Books*
- Routine Poster*
- Letter Vest and Vest Pocket Letters
- Clifford Puppet and Poster
- Classroom Alphabet Chart
- Songs & Fingerplays Book and CD*
- Magnetic Board & Alphabet Letters
- Wall Charts*
- Manipulatives Kit

Assessments

- Formal & Informal Assessment Tools

Teacher Resources

- 8 Theme Teaching Guides
- Professional Handbook
- BookStix (to support read alouds)

Technology

- *Big Day* BookFlix (16 eBooks & 16 Video Storybooks)
- *Big Day* Online: Digital Teaching Materials, Professional Learning, and Family Engagement Resources

*Spanish versions of these components are included in the English/Spanish Edition

Cost of Basic Curriculum Package:

English \$2,999.00

English/Spanish \$3,830.00

RESOURCES/COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE	DESCRIPTION	COST
Shipping Charges and Tax	Shipping Charges and tax vary based on customer order and location. Please contact your local Account Executive.	Varies
Training Costs	<p>Getting Started Courses</p> <p><i>Getting Started with Big Day for PreK</i> introduces participants to the components of the program and provides guidance on organizing and managing the classroom, assessing children’s progress, and engaging families throughout the year.</p> <p>Follow-Up Courses</p> <p>After you begin teaching <i>Big Day for PreK</i>, our Professional Learning Consultants can help you deepen program mastery with <i>Follow-Up Courses</i>. During these courses, our consultants will show you how to plan learning experiences that develop key skills and review data that informs instruction.</p> <p><i>Getting Started</i> and <i>Follow-Up Courses</i> are available in person (half and full-day) or via webinar. Ask your Account Executive for a list of topics and course options.</p> <p>Individual and Team Coaching</p> <p>Grounded in research in adult learning, <i>Individual and Team Coaching</i>—including lesson modeling, peer collaboration, and feedback—drives instructional excellence and real change in the classroom. Both <i>Individual</i> and <i>Team Coaching</i> are full-day, in-person training courses.</p>	<p>Professional services costs range from \$0-\$2,950 per day.</p> <p>Initial program implementation is supported with <i>Getting Started</i> – complimentary with purchase. <i>Follow-up Courses</i> and <i>Coaching</i> are available for purchase.</p> <p>Please contact your local Account Executive to discuss a customized professional learning solution for you and your team.</p>
Technology Access/ Resources	<p>Teacher Space</p> <p>BookFlix</p> <p>Family Space</p>	N/A (included with program)
Supplemental/ Optional Materials	N/A	N/A
Cost for Bilingual Editions	English/Spanish 2015	\$3,830

VENDOR: KAPLAN EARLY LEARNING COMPANY

AGE GROUP: INFANTS, TODDLERS, AND TWOS

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Description of Manipulatives/Resources Included in Basic Curriculum Package:

The basic curriculum package for Learn Every Day The Program for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos (item #87419) includes a comprehensive curriculum for children ages birth to three. Learn Every Day The Program for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos is a three volume book set containing Building Strong Foundations for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos and two teaching guides organized by age and developmental domains: Learn Every Day: The Program for Infants (volume 1) and Learn Every Day: The Program for Toddlers and Twos (volume 2). Also included in the package is a Teacher Resource Book set, an Infant Activity kit, and a Toddler Activity kit.

- *Building Strong Foundations for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos* provides an introduction to the curriculum, information on how to effectively implement, and additional articles on program planning and assessment, family engagement, special needs, dual language learners, and developmental domains (including approaches to learning, cognitive development, health & physical safety, language & communication, and social/emotional development). Additional information highlights development, behaviors, and how the development and behaviors change and grow over time in each domain. The appendix includes a comprehensive developmental milestone guide. Volumes 1 and 2 are organized by age and developmental domains providing a variety of activities to encourage development across all domains while developing individual schedules and eventually (for older twos) thematic programming.
- Volumes 1 and 2 of LED: Infant/Toddlers and Twos provides guidelines and activities that reflect a philosophy of inclusion for all infants, while emphasizing that they should participate in these activities according to their own individual schedules. The first portion of the Infant Program is dedicated to helping identify how to create a developmentally appropriate environment and offers suggestions for creative learning spaces for infants. The following components of high-quality infant care are woven throughout volume 1:
 - » Snuggle time with caring, nurturing adults—helps an infant develop attachment
 - » Opportunities for communication development—which are also opportunities to build cognitive skills
 - » A well-defined space where a child has the opportunity to experiment and play with appropriate toys, books, and objects—infants are naturally curious, so a safe environment helps build trust and self-confidence
 - » Time to sing and listen to music—singing builds brain connections and enhances learning
 - » Interactions with books—it is never too early to begin reading books to infants
 - » Daily routines such as napping, feeding, and diapering—predictable routines enable all children to feel more secure and emotionally strong
 - » Daily reports designed to provide families with written documentation of each infant’s feeding, diapering, and exploration time—keeps the family connected and involved in the child’s daily routine
 - » Ongoing assessments such as portfolios and documentation panels—provide multiple opportunities for authentic assessment and progress monitoring.
 - » Domain specific activities divided by age group
- Volume 2 includes activities across all domains plus an additional section for older toddlers with activities that can be used with broad themes. Highlight of volume 2 include:
 - » activities for developing cognitive skills
 - » communication and language skills
 - » open-ended art, music, and movement activities
 - » gross and fine motor skills
 - » focused on sensory experiences
 - » developing observation skills while exploring the natural world
 - » social skills, cooperation, building independence
 - » exploration themes address higher levels of content learning through small and large group activities
 - » Projects (for twos and threes)
 - » Emphasis on Emerging Literacy
 - » Balance of Group and Individual Activities
 - » Matches Early Head Start Outcomes

- The Teacher Resource book set offers additional support to caregivers and information on topics typical to an early childhood classroom.
- Activity kits are based on the brain-based principles behind Learn Every Day and provide manipulatives designed to enhance the activities within the curriculum. Each kit supports skill acquisition, domain development, and individual or small group learning opportunities.

Cost of Basic Curriculum Package: \$635.80

RESOURCES/COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE	DESCRIPTION	COST
Shipping Charges and Tax (if applicable)	Shipping Charges and tax vary based on customer order and location. Typical shipping charges (via UPS ground) are 15% of order price. Rushed deliveries will increase shipping costs.	vary
Training Costs	<p>Kaplan Early Learning Company provides options for interactive, instructor-led and on-line professional development for <i>Learn Every Day® The Program for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos</i>, a Tier I Infant/Toddler curriculum. During Professional Development sessions, teachers will learn how to foster dynamic and appropriate methods of engagement and interactions with the very youngest learners.</p> <p>Participants will learn to use effective instructional strategies and resources in the curriculum needed to affect teaching and learning outcomes. Additional training options include, but are not limited to sessions on “Relationship Attachment Theory” and partnering with families, creative/nurturing environments including outdoor play, and supporting development of language. Sessions will (instructor-led and online):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build teachers’ ability to effectively implement the <i>Learn Every Day™</i> curriculum with fidelity • Build content knowledge and understanding of developmentally appropriate practices in infant/toddler classrooms. • Build skill in managing a classroom environment • Provide practice in translating newly learned skills into daily classroom instruction. 	<p>Prices range from \$30 for individual online modules, to between \$2500-\$2950 for one day instructor-led training.</p> <p>Exact pricing can be customized for each program.</p> <p>Please contact training@kaplanco.com for more information on training options for <i>Learn Every Day®</i></p>
Technology Access/ Resources		
Supplemental/ Optional Materials	Individual <i>Learn Every Day</i> curriculum components are available and may be purchased separately. Programs have the option to purchase additional curricula, teacher resource book sets and activity kits. The individual purchase allows a program to add to their <i>Learn Every Day</i> curriculum package providing additional materials to multiple caregivers in a program.	<p>Learn Every Day Curriculum (item #29073) - \$149.95</p> <p>Teacher Resource Book set: (item #28910) - \$105.95</p> <p>Activity Kits (price per kit):</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Infant activity Kit (item #29069) - \$199.95</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Toddler activity Kit (item # 29070) - \$199.95</p>
Cost for Bilingual Editions	Currently only available in English	

VENDOR: PEARSON

AGE GROUP: 3-4

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Description of Manipulatives/Resources Included in Basic Curriculum Package:

- Teacher Guides – 8 units in 4 volumes
- Planning and Assessment Teacher Guide
- 32 Trade books
- Read More About It – 4 books with 2 units per bok
- 32 Storytime Cards
- 32 Retelling Storyboards
- 192 Concept Word cards
- 192 Amazing Word cards
- 26 Alphabet Cards
- 12 Envision It Learning Strips
- 164 Picture Cards
- 20 Ollie’s Classroom Schedule
- 32 Poetry Posters
- 11 Big Books
- 11 Little Books (of the Big Books)
- 1 Read Aloud Anthology
- 8 Ollie and Friends readers
- Ollie puppet
- Sing Along Songs/Poems CD
- Audio Text CD
- Ollie Resources DVD (also online)
- Digital Teacher’s Guide (also online)
- OWL Manipulative Kit (\$400 value)

Cost of Basic Curriculum Package: \$3,100.00

RESOURCES/COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE	DESCRIPTION	COST
Shipping Charges and Tax (if applicable)	Please contact your local Account General Manager.	
Training Costs	Free Activation Training orients educators to program components so teachers can begin to use OWL immediately in their classrooms. Training options can be a combination of the following depending on the specific needs of the program: Onsite sessions; Live webinar; Live custom webinar; Recorded webinar; Open chat; Tutorials and fee-based Professional Development.	
Technology Access/ Resources	Access to pearsonsuccessnet.com digital resources and assessment reporting is included with the purchase of the OWL curriculum.	\$0.00
Supplemental/ Optional Materials	OWL Manipulative Kit included with OWL kit.	
Cost for Bilingual Editions	Fully equitable English/Spanish OWL kit. All resources in Spanish and English. Does not include Manipulative kit for additional \$397.97	\$3,300.00

VENDOR: ROBERT-LESLIE PUBLISHING, THE EARLY CHILDHOOD COMPANY®

AGE GROUP: INFANTS, TODDLERS, AND TWOS

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Description of Manipulatives/Resources Included in Basic Curriculum Package:

Little InvestiGators is a play and discovery program for infants and toddlers that celebrates the magic of childhood and the joy of teaching during each stage of growth and development from birth to three years old.

Little InvestiGators includes Baby InvestiGators for infants from birth to 18 months old and InvestiGator Tots for toddlers and twos from 18 months to 3 years old. The program is developmentally appropriate for infants and toddlers and designed to support the delivery of child-focused, family-centered experiences.

Because of the strong belief in developmentally appropriate practice and the principles listed below, Robert-Leslie Publishing does not provide or encourage any screen time or technology products for children under the age of 3. Curriculum resources are grounded in principles about the way infants, toddlers, and twos learn, through:

- Relationships;
- Engagement in play; and
- Rich environments, including the emotional environment and the physical environment.

Little Investigators is organized around three specific features of the physical environment: Routines, Play Spaces, and Outdoor Areas.

Resources and Manipulatives included in basic packages:

- Family Corner: Individual Care Plan, monthly activity calendars, and other resources for Little InvestiGator families
- Welcome Guide: Helpful resources and templates for caregivers using Little InvestiGators
- Continuum of Growth and Development: Online resource that provides a comprehensive continuum of program goals and indicators for ages 0-4.
- 6 Infant Board Books
- 6 Toddler Board Books
- Rings: Colorful loops for sorting and displaying Play and Grow Cards
- 200 Play and Grow Cards for Infants
- 300 Play and Grow Cards for Toddlers and Twos

Cost of Basic Curriculum Package:

1. Little InvestiGators™ Ages 0-36 Months: \$960.00 (Includes both Baby InvestiGators™ and InvestiGator Tots™)

2. Baby InvestiGators™ Ages 0-18 Months: \$480.00

3. InvestiGator Tots™ Ages 18-36 Months: \$720.00

RESOURCES/COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE	DESCRIPTION	COST
Shipping Charges and Tax (if applicable)	All products are shipped via FedEx Ground. Shipping may be reduced when combined with other Robert-Leslie products for larger orders. Shipping discounts can be arranged with your Educator Support Manager.	12%
Training Costs	1. A half-day training for 20 participants is recommended. 2. Full day (may be two half-day sessions in the same day)	1. \$1,800.00 2. \$3,200.00
Technology Access/Resources		N/A
Supplemental/Optional Materials	The Educator Support Manager may be contacted for information regarding supplemental manipulatives that may be available in the future.	N/A
Cost for Bilingual Editions		N/A

VENDOR: ROBERT-LESLIE PUBLISHING, THE EARLY CHILDHOOD COMPANY®

AGE GROUP: PRESCHOOL AGES 3-5

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Description of Manipulatives/Resources Included in Basic Curriculum Package:

Price of comprehensive InvestiGator Club® Prekindergarten Learning System, including all resources, manipulatives, and training resources listed below is \$3,299.00

Teaching with Investigations

The InvestiGator Club® is a fully-integrated curriculum with a strong focus on STEAM and literacy experiences, social-emotional development, physical development, and family engagement. Our philosophy balances active child-centered learning through play with intentional teacher-directed instruction in seven inquiry-based Investigations.

STEM + Art = STEAM

Through investigation and hands-on projects, children learn to think like scientists, construct mathematical concepts, appreciate fine art and music, use simple tools and machines, invent, and create.

Language and Literacy

The InvestiGator Club develops young readers by fostering imagination and a love of books and storytelling. Through quality interactions with peers and adults, children build a strong foundation for literacy, communication, vocabulary development, writing, and verbal problem solving.

Social and Emotional

Stories, characters, and play-based activities build bridges to the real world and inspire children to talk about and practice social and emotional skills, such as empathy and kindness, sharing, taking turns, and self-regulation.

Physical Development

Every InvestiGator Club day is filled with active indoor and outdoor play. We know that physical activity is not only important for good health, but also for engaged, mindful learning.

Family Engagement

The InvestiGator Club provides award-winning, robust components to engage families through purposeful play, shared reading, and fun and simple learning activities that connect family time to the classroom curriculum. Valuable family tools stimulate meaningful conversations about the characters, stories, and activities children experience in school.

Investigations (Each Investigation after the 8-week Program Introduction includes all of the resources needed for 4 weekly topics, for a total of 24 topics)

1. Let's Investigate! Program Introduction
2. Under Construction
3. Healthy You
4. Finny, Feathery, Furry Friends
5. Splash and Dig
6. Watch It Grow
7. Weather Watchers

System Resources used throughout the year:

- 8 Daily Routine Posters
- 64 Oral Language Cards (320 vocabulary words)
- Listen to Your World CD (phonological awareness)
- Alphabet Kit: Dilly's Alphabet Show Lapbook, Foam Letters, Alphabet Flapboard and Flap Fillers
- Alphabet Cards
- Investigate Math Kit: Activity Guide, Math and Sorting Board, Math Strips, Measuring Tape, Pet Counters, MathLink® Cubes, Tangrams, Foam Numbers, Foam Numeral Dice
- 20 Family Welcome Guides
- 7 Dilly and Friends® Lapbooks
- Dilly and Friends® Read Along CD
- 8 Creative Art Prints
- 2 Song Posters
- Dilly's Music and Movement CD
- Assessment and Intervention System
- 18 Dilly's Tree House™ Family Engagement Series Subscriptions (7 monthly packs to match Investigations)
- Social and Emotional Development Kit: 7 Dilly and Friends Little Books, 7 Dilly and Friends Stick Puppets, Activity Guide, 20 Outdoor Play and Learning Cards with Guide, 2 Dramatic Play Scenes, 14 sheets of Dilly and Friends Stickers

7 Integrated Investigations:

- 28 Flapboards® (Lift-the-flap stories) with Flap Fillers® (Change the picture behind each flap to make a new story)
- 36 Bruno’s Buzz® Nonfiction Readers (6 copies of 6 titles)
- 6 Math Trade Books
- 6 Investigation Trade Books
- 35 Center Cards
- 7 Teacher Guides

Spanish Instructional Materials Kit: The following resources are offered as a supplement to The InvestiGator Club Prekindergarten Learning System.

The price of the Spanish Instructional Materials Kit, in addition to the cost of the comprehensive English Prekindergarten Learning System described above is \$821.00.

The Spanish Instructional Materials Kit includes the following components in Spanish:

- Teacher Guide (Teacher instruction is English, with Spanish scripts for dialogue.)
- El Libro Grande del Alfabeto Flipchart
- 20 Spanish Family Welcome Guides
- 1 Just for Threes Spanish Welcome Guide
- 36 Bruno’s Buzz® Nonfiction Readers (6 copies of 6 titles)
- 100 English-Spanish Vocabulary Cards with Guide
- 8 Daily Routine Posters
- 120 Spanish Magnetic Foam Letters
- 7 Dilly and Friends® Lapbooks
- 42 Dilly and Friends® Little Books (6 copies of 7 titles)
- Investigation, Literacy, and Math Flapboard Stories (21 stories, 84 cards)
- Spanish Read-Aloud Collection and Guide (6 titles, 1 guide)
- ¡Demasiada Diversión! Too Much Fun Music and Movement CD

Cost of Basic Curriculum Package: \$3,299.00

RESOURCES/COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE	DESCRIPTION	COST
Shipping Charges and Tax (if applicable)	Shipped FedEx Ground. Discounts for large orders to be determined.	12%
Training Costs	1. One full day implementation up to 20 teachers. 2. Consecutive half days following full day. 3. Consecutive full days following full day. Customized professional development to be determined.	1. \$3,200.00 2. \$1,200.00 3. \$2,400.00
Technology Access/ Resources	Current technology access and resources are included in the comprehensive curriculum.	
Supplemental/ Optional Materials	1. 7 Dilly and Friends® Plush Puppets 2. Adaptive Learning Kit for Special Education 3. STEAM and Literacy Challenge (100 Leveled Readers and Guide for 4-5 year olds) 4. Get Ready for Kindergarten! Summer School With new math manipulatives 5. Just for Threes Program (for separate 3-year-old class) With math manipulatives and classic book collection 6. Just for Threes Supplement (for used in mixed-age classroom for additional support for 3-year-olds) 7. Professional Books	1. \$280.00 2. \$358.00 3. \$726.00 4. \$515.00 \$732.00 5. \$1,599.00 \$1,886.00 6. \$405.00 7. Prices vary
Cost for Bilingual Editions	Spanish Instructional Materials Kit to be used with The InvestiGator Club Prekindergarten Learning System	\$821.00

VENDOR: TEACHING STRATEGIES

AGE GROUP: INFANTS, TODDLERS, TWOS, AND 3-4

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Description of Manipulatives/Resources Included in Basic Curriculum Package:

The Creative Curriculum® for Infant, Toddlers & Twos, 3rd Edition, with Daily Resources is a comprehensive curriculum that now offers expanded daily support, guidance, and inspiration to teachers and caregivers of the youngest learners. Aligned to the same research-based objectives as *GOLD®*, it allows providers to seamlessly link curriculum and assessment. It consists of *The Foundation*, three research-based volumes that provide theory, research, and best practices for providing responsive teaching and caring for very young children, and *Daily Resources*, which helps teachers and caregivers put knowledge into practice and foster children's learning and growth.

These following resources offer a wealth of ideas for filling every day with meaningful and engaging routines and experiences for all of the children in your care: *Intentional Teaching Cards™* provide playful and engaging experiences with directions to help teachers individualize each activity to meet the unique needs of every child; *Mighty Minutes®* offer brief learning activities that can help teachers intentionally support language, literacy, math, science, social studies, and physical skills during routines and experiences; *Highlights Hello™* is a publication with stories, poetry, and simple activities that help inspire a love for reading and supporting the development of language and literacy skills; and *Book Conversation Cards™* help teachers actively engage young children in conversation during read-alouds, offering strategies for teachers and caregivers to use as they guide children in learning experiences related to *Hello*. The curriculum also includes digital *The Creative Curriculum® LearningGames®*, a series of award-winning, research-validated early learning activities for classroom and home use with young children.

Cost of Basic Curriculum Package: \$1,149.00

RESOURCES/COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE	DESCRIPTION	COST
Shipping Charges and Tax (if applicable)	7% shipping	\$80.43
Training Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none">A variety of on-site training options are available at a daily rate of \$3,250.00 with additional discounts offered if multiple days of training are purchased. Curriculum training sessions are capped at 50 participants per session. Teaching Strategies would be happy to provide training in partnership with the local Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies.New Online Professional Development courses are now available on <i>The Foundation</i> and the <i>Daily Resources</i> for \$150.00 per teacher, per course.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">\$3,250.00\$150.00
Technology Access/Resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>The Creative Curriculum®</i>, Digital Resources support teachers' ability to plan and teach intentionally, including 151 <i>Intentional Teaching</i> opportunities, <i>The Creative Curriculum® LearningGames®</i>, and weekly and monthly planning calendars.Online introductory orientation video included with <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Infants, Toddlers & Twos</i>, 3rd Edition	<ol style="list-style-type: none">\$250.00 per classroomFree
Supplemental/Optional Materials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>El Currículo Creativo para Niños de 0 a 3 años, 3ra Edición</i> (\$1,149.00 plus 7% shipping)<i>The Creative Curriculum® Kits</i> (Range from \$79.95-\$379.95)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">\$1,229.43Various
Cost for Bilingual Editions	\$1,795.00 plus 7% shipping	\$1,920.65

The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool, 6th Edition, with Daily Resources is everything teachers need to implement the curriculum in their program: *The Foundation* and *the Daily Resources*. Aligned to the same research-based objectives as *GOLD®*, it allows providers to seamlessly link curriculum and assessment. *The Foundation* has a brand-new volume, *Science and Technology, Social Studies & the Arts*, that helps teachers encourage children to make and test hypotheses, develop skills for using technology, explore their world and the people in it, and engage their critical thinking skills. The *Objectives for Development & Learning* volume has been expanded enabling teachers to see children’s development and learning along a progression across the whole of the early childhood years.

The *Daily Resources* are teachers key to integrating learning into every part of the day, for every child, in every area of learning. Teachers receive the *Teaching Guides* with plans for every moment of every day. Many of the *Teaching Guides* are hands-on studies that are relevant to children’s daily lives. These *Teaching Guides* offer comprehensive daily plans that support teachers as they help every child explore, investigate and learn. They also receive the *Intentional Teaching Cards™* that help them adapt activities for each child and the *Mighty Minutes®* that help them turn “in-between” time into learning time. Teachers get a diverse collection of fiction and nonfiction children’s books and the *Book Discussion Cards®* that help them promote children’s language and literacy learning, and social–emotional development, during read-alouds. The *eBooks DVD* contains English and Spanish titles from the *Teaching Strategies® Children's Book Collection*.

Cost of Basic Curriculum Package: \$2,149.00

RESOURCES/COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE	DESCRIPTION	COST
Shipping Charges and Tax (if applicable)	7% shipping	\$150.43
Training Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A variety of on-site training options are available at a daily rate of \$3,250.00 with additional discounts offered if multiple days of training are purchased. Curriculum training sessions are capped at 50 participants per session. Teaching Strategies would be happy to provide training in partnership with the local Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. New Online Professional Development courses are now available on <i>The Foundation</i> and the <i>Daily Resources</i> for \$150.00 per teacher, per course. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> \$3,250.00 \$150.00
Technology Access/ Resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The Creative Curriculum®</i>, Digital Resources support teachers' ability to plan and teach intentionally, including 6 <i>Teaching Guides</i>, 201 <i>Intentional Teaching</i> experiences, and weekly and monthly planning calendars that auto-populate with content from the curriculum to help teachers plan and manage their days. Online introductory orientation tutorial included with <i>The Creative Curriculum®</i> for Preschool, 6th edition. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> \$250.00 per classroom Free
Supplemental/ Optional Materials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The Creative Curriculum®, Deluxe Edition</i> (\$3,149.00 plus 7% shipping) <i>The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool Kits</i> (Range from \$49.95-\$319.95) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> \$3,369.00 Various
Cost for Bilingual Editions	\$2,999.00 plus 7% shipping	\$3,208.93

VENDOR: VOYAGER SOPRIS LEARNING

AGE GROUP: 3-4

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Description of Manipulatives/Resources Included in Basic Curriculum Package:

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- The *We Can Classroom Package* includes everything needed for the initial year of implementation with up to 20 students. This comprehensive package includes:
 - Teacher Editions Volumes 1–6
 - Teacher Resource Guide
 - Assessment Guide
 - *The Learning Zoo* – interactive online games and practice
 - Letter, Word, and Picture Cards
 - 12 flip books
 - Digital assets
 - The I Can Draw Pre-Writing Kit
 - 34-book literature set
 - Classroom management kit
 - Several manipulative items that bring instruction to life

Cost of Basic Curriculum Package: \$2,999.00

RESOURCES/COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN BASIC CURRICULUM PACKAGE	DESCRIPTION	COST
Shipping Charges and Tax (if applicable)	Order Amount:	
	1. \$1–\$99.99	1. 12%
	2. \$100–\$99,999.99	2. 10%
	3. \$100,000–\$249,999.99	3. 8%
	4. \$250,000–\$499,999.99	4. 6%
	5. \$500,000–\$999,999.99	5. 5%
	6. \$1,000,000 or over	6. 4%
	For non tax-exempt organizations, state and local taxes may apply	
Training Costs	1. 1-2 Day Implementation and Support Package	1. \$2,500/day
	2. 3-9 Day Implementation and Support Package	2. \$2,400/day
	3. 10-24 Day Implementation and Support Package	3. \$2,250/day
	4. 25+ Day Package	4. \$2,000/day
	5. Live Webinars/Virtual Support	5. \$250/hour
	(one day of training for up to 40 teachers is recommended)	
Technology Access/Resources	We Can Digital Asset Renewal Package (only for years 2+, digital access is included for the first year with purchase of Classroom Package)	\$149.00
Supplemental/Optional Materials	All materials are included in the We Can Classroom Package	N/A
Cost for Bilingual Editions	Spanish components included in Classroom Package	N/A

Each Tier I curriculum offers guidance and tools for assessing children’s growth and learning. Teachers can use this assessment information to add valuable evidence to children’s *GOLD*® portfolios, monitor progress and finalize checkpoints. Each of the Tier I curriculum assessments are:

- Consistent with the *Louisiana Birth to Five Early Learning and Development Standards* and with the *GOLD*® Objectives for Development and Learning (ODLs);
- Conducted through a variety of methods such as anecdotal observations/notes, checklists, photographs, work samples, benchmark assessments, rubrics, etc.; and
- Embedded throughout activities and routines within the daily schedule (e.g. whole group, small group, center times, outdoor times, transitions, etc.).

The assessments included in Tier I curriculum help teachers know what to put into *GOLD*® and take the “guesswork” out of what should be assessed and how.

HOW DO THE TIER I ASSESSMENT AND *GOLD*® ASSESSMENT WORK TOGETHER? TEACHERS...

- ➔ Use the assessments included in the curriculum to collect information on children’s knowledge and skills. Typically, the curriculum suggests a specific activity and offers tools or guidance on how to gather the information (e.g. checklists, work samples, observations, etc.);
- ➔ Enter this assessment documentation into *GOLD*®; and
- ➔ Reflect on children’s progress in order to adjust their teaching to meet children’s needs

STEPS FOR USING TIER I CURRICULUM ASSESSMENTS EFFECTIVELY:

1. Become familiar with the new curriculum assessments (for example: what type of assessment documentation is available, what skills are assessed and how often they are assessed)
2. Before teaching, review the skills covered in the daily and weekly lessons
3. Plan for when, where, which children and what skills or objectives will be assessed each day of the week
4. Enter the assessment documentation into the *GOLD*® system (for example: type anecdotal notes, copy and scan items such as checklists, upload photographs of children’s activities or work samples, etc.)
5. Use assessment information to plan future lessons and to make adaptations or accommodations to support the learning of every child

* *The Creative Curriculum* – Follow all steps above (with the exception of Step 4) for the *The Creative Curriculum*® (Both Preschool and Infants/Toddlers and Twos). Teaching Strategies is the publisher for *The Creative Curriculum*® and *GOLD*®, and each curriculum contains assessment guidance and direct links to the ODLs.

CONNECTING CLASS™ AND TIER I CURRICULUM

The most important aspects of quality in preschool education are stimulating and supportive interactions between teachers and children and effective use of curricula.

“Children benefit most when teachers engage in stimulating interactions that support learning and are emotionally supportive. Interactions that help children acquire new knowledge and skills provide input to children, elicit verbal responses and reactions from them, and foster engagement in and enjoyment of learning. Recent evaluations tell us that effective use of curricula focused on such specific aspects of learning as language and literacy, math, or socio-emotional development provide a substantial boost to children’s learning.” ~ Investing in Our Future

To prepare more Louisiana children for kindergarten, the Department of Education is supporting child care programs to improve interactions and instruction through the use of high-quality or Tier I Curriculum.

It is important that teachers understand how curriculum and CLASS™ are connected.

A high-quality curriculum supports effective interactions between teachers and children by providing structure, guidance, materials and activities which enable teachers to create opportunities for supportive interactions that promote children’s development and learning. In turn, the CLASS™ framework encourages teachers to use curriculum more effectively by calling for specific practices to strengthen relationships with children, engage them in learning activities and promote learning in a dynamic, age-appropriate manner.

CLASS™ Dimensions	Curriculum Components	Location In the Curriculum
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive Climate • Teacher Sensitivity • Regard for Child Perspectives 	<p>A high-quality curriculum promotes learning through integration of multiple domains of development. It includes appropriate materials and activities based on what children should know and be able to do. There are opportunities for children to engage in hands-on, engaging, and interactive experiences through whole group, small group and individualized attention or instruction. Children are allowed to make choices of activities, materials and peers with whom they may interact. There is a daily schedule and set of routines sensitive to children’s needs. Appropriate and on-going assessments occur in an authentic manner through daily activities and experiences. There are suggestions on how to scaffold activities, and make adaptations and accommodations to meet needs of each learner.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Guides/Manuals • Listing of learning objectives for the theme/unit • Daily/weekly/monthly lesson plans • Suggested materials list(s) including teacher-made materials or those provided by families • Assessment examples, schedules and tools (e.g. checklists, benchmark assessments, on-line resources, etc.) • Suggestions for differentiating instruction (e.g. children with disabilities, ELL, advanced learners)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavior Management/ Behavior Guidance • Productivity • Instructional Learning Formats 	<p>Quality curriculum includes easy-to-follow, explicit instructions for preparing materials and for conducting lessons and experiences. It includes strategies for keeping children engaged through a consistent but flexible daily schedule and set of routines designed to maximize learning time. Included are effective transitions designed to support learning. There is a variety of developmentally appropriate materials and activities as well as suggestions for making adaptations and adjustments for their use.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Guides/Manuals • Lesson descriptions/plans • Sample(s) of schedules • Listing of learning objectives for the theme/unit • Suggested materials list(s) (Including teacher-made materials or those provided by families) • Access to online materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept Development/ Facilitation of Learning and Development • Quality of Feedback • Language Modeling 	<p>Clear and explicit learning objectives and concepts are a cornerstone of quality curriculum. Children participate in hands-on experiences using materials that foster interactions and engagement. There are numerous opportunities for making choices as well as repeated practice of skills. Embedded in activities is significant time for children to explain their thinking, engage in conversations, and answer open-ended questions that have prompted their thought processes. There are suggestions for scaffolding activities and adapting lessons. Quality curriculum encourages language stimulation to support children’s vocabulary development and build background knowledge about a variety of topics and ideas. Appropriate and on-going assessments are integrated within daily routines and experiences allowing teachers to understand children’s level of learning. There are suggestions for extending learning beyond the class allowing children to make connections to the world around them as well as support for engagement of families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Guides/Manuals • Listing of learning objectives for the theme/unit • Daily/weekly/monthly lessons • Vocabulary lists and instructions for introducing new and unique words • Samples of instructions or explanations within lessons • Open-ended questions within lessons • Family engagement tools and activities (newsletters, information sharing, etc.) • Supplemental activities/experiences • Suggested materials list(s) including teacher-made materials or those provided by families • Assessment examples, schedules and tools (e.g. checklists, benchmark assessments, on-line resources, etc.) • Suggestions for differentiating instruction (e.g. children with disabilities, ELL, advanced learners)