



Beyond Centers and Circle Time®
Curriculum Pre-Kindergarten Theme Series
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The Beyond Centers and Circle Time® Curriculum Pre-Kindergarten Theme Series is designed to provide a blend between a developmental and a didactic approach to working with young children. This Theme Series will provide teachers with lesson ideas that will allow opportunities to offer direct information while allowing children to experiment and explore materials in order to create their own knowledge. *The Beyond Centers and Circle Time® Curriculum Pre-Kindergarten Theme Series* is written to offer support to educators and parents who wish to maintain a balance between supporting their child's acquisition of skills and knowledge that will prepare him/her for later school success and the joys and delights of experiencing a playful childhood.

The Beyond Centers and Circle Time® Curriculum Pre-Kindergarten Theme Series includes the following materials:

1. Introduction manual
2. *Me and My Family* theme manual
3. *Real and Make-Believe* theme manual
4. *The Farm and the City* theme manual
5. *Birds in My Neighborhood* theme manual
6. *Amphibians and Reptiles* theme manual
7. *Animals in the Jungle* theme manual
8. *Oceans and Ocean Life* theme manual
9. *Insects and Spiders* theme manual
10. *Authors and Illustrators* theme manual
11. *Beyond Centers and Circle Time Curriculum* text
12. 15 posters
13. One Classroom Assessment Manual
14. One Classroom Theme Checklist BINDER
15. CCRT Developmental Checklist FOLDER (30 quantity)
16. Parent Folder (Reproducible Parent Letters and Recipe cards)
17. Over 60 assorted children's thematic storybooks (various bindings)
18. Professional Development Certificate redeemable for one seat of Training* (*see list of Training Opportunities throughout Florida)
19. DVD's Set of 6 -
 1. Food, Fun, and Family-Style Meals
 2. From Theories to Play
 3. Beyond ABC's and Writing My Name
 4. Authentic Assessments
 5. Literacy Throughout the Day
 6. Scaffolding Dramatic Play

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Kaplan Early Learning Company's Professional Development Plan for the Beyond Centers and Circle Time© Pre-Kindergarten Theme Series:

Kaplan Early Learning Company has a complete professional development plan which consists of a choice of training opportunities which can either be used individually on their own time by educators, and also opportunities to participate in professional development seminars. The resources include a series of 6 DVDs which depict classroom scenarios, learning opportunities, setting up environments, scaffolding and successful activities filmed under the direction of the author at her Creative Pre-School in Tallahassee, Florida:

- ***Food, Fun, and Family-Style Meals***

The sharing of food is basic to our human experience. Learning to eat with others, the manners needed, the skills of conversation, and the actual sharing of food are important social skills that the young child needs to learn. Many children today do not eat around a family table. Fast food in the back of a vehicle or in front of a television is the experience many children find most familiar. *Food, Fun, and Family-Style Meals* demonstrates children eating a shared lunch scaffolded by an adult who fully understands the learning opportunities presented during a well-served meal. The performance standards of every state are completely supported during this meal time experience.

- ***Beyond ABC's and Writing My Name***

The development of literacy knowledge must be learned through the pleasurable experiences provided for the young child during play. Direct constant interaction with books, language, gross, and fine motor experiences is paramount to a child's development of literacy knowledge and skill. *Beyond ABC's and Writing My Name* illustrates how professionals can nurture this love and excitement of literacy with well-planned and scaffolded emergent literacy experiences.

- ***Authentic Assessments***

Research has shown that many children do not know how to play appropriately with play materials and other children. These children often have difficulty in later school because they did not develop the pre-literacy and social/emotional skills and knowledge that are supported through rich play experiences. The DVD *Authentic Assessments* instructs teachers how to observe and assess each child's play and then plan experiences that will support their total development.

- ***Literacy Throughout the Day***

In a quality developmentally appropriate environment, literacy is embedded throughout the day and within all of the play experiences provided. Teachers need to consistently read books, sing songs, and talk with children. The DVD *Literacy Throughout the Day* illustrates how to enhance circle time with thoughtful and engaging literacy experiences.

- ***Scaffolding Dramatic Play***

Dramatic play is an important experience that supports the acquisition of cognitive, social, emotional, and language skills and knowledge, all of which are vital for later school success. Dramatic play experiences allow children to practice real-life events, encouraging children to project themselves into the future and recreate the past. The DVD *Scaffolding Dramatic Play* illustrates how to plan and implement quality dramatic play experiences and arrange the environment for successful social interactions. With these skills and knowledge, adults can appropriately scaffold each child's total play experience.

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**There are many choices of Training Opportunities in which to use this certificate, plus additional opportunities which will be posted on our website on an ongoing basis:*

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Please keep checking our website at <http://www.kaplanco.com/flprek/>. We are partnering with Coalitions on regional trainings throughout Florida, where the purchasers of the Theme Series can elect to use their certificate (additional persons may attend at a cost of \$500 each).

Total price: \$1899.95* (Kaplan Product Code # 15403)

*Includes curriculum materials and professional development outlined above.

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