

50 Preschool Activities Every Teacher Should Know

A practical starter guide for circle time, phonics, early maths, art, movement and confident classroom engagement.

Created for aspiring preschool teachers

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Circle Time

1. Hello Name Song

Sing each child's name to build belonging and listening.

2. Weather Watch

Observe the sky and choose today's weather card.

3. Feelings Faces

Children select a face card and name their emotion.

4. Pass the Smile

Pass a smile around the circle to encourage eye contact.

5. Daily Helper

Assign one simple classroom responsibility each day.

6. Sound of the Day

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

7. Calendar Clap

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

8. Good Habit Talk

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

9. Mystery Object

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

10. Movement Greetings

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

Language and Phonics

11. Letter Sound Hunt

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

12. Picture and Sound Match

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

13. Rhyme Basket

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

14. Story Sequencing

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

15. Beginning Sound Sort

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

16. Alphabet Action

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

17. Puppet Conversation

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

18. Word Wall Walk

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

19. Listen and Draw

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

20. Story Ending Game

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

Early Maths

21. Count and Clip

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

22. Shape Hunt

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

23. Number Hop

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

24. Big and Small Sort

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

25. Pattern Train

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

26. More or Less

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

27. Button Counting

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

28. Colour Graph

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

29. Match the Quantity

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

30. Measure with Blocks

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

Art and Sensory Play

31. Finger Paint Patterns

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

32. Leaf Printing

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

33. Paper Tear Collage

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

34. Play Dough Letters

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

35. Sponge Shape Art

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

36. Texture Tray

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

37. Nature Crown

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

38. Cotton Cloud Craft

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

39. Colour Mixing

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

40. Recycled Material Art

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

Movement and Classroom Skills

41. Freeze Dance

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

42. Animal Walk

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

43. Follow the Leader

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

44. Beanbag Balance

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

45. Action Story

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

46. Quiet Signal Practice

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

47. Clean Up Race

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

48. Partner Mirror

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

49. Breathing Flower

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

50. Classroom Role Play

Use simple materials, demonstrate clearly and invite every child to participate at their own pace.

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