



“Math is how we describe our world when words are not enough. Everyone deserves to speak math and to play math, to enjoy its beauty and its power” -Geoff White

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This past week, your center should have received a quiet time library from the ECQuIP team and Iowa AEYC. The idea of the quiet time library was created through a conversation during one of the preschool PLC groups. The discussion was about what staff do when a child does not sleep, or when children begin to wake up. How do we keep these kids busy, but also in a productive way?

The ECQuIP team built on ideas that teachers shared during the PLC meeting and expanded them to purchase materials for a quiet time library for each of our 15 programs. The concept of these libraries is that they will be shared between any of 3-5 year old classrooms within the program. Each program should create a checkout system and if they need help with this, please feel free to reach out to your center consultant.

The quiet time libraries include materials that will help build on skills we see with GOLD and BK-LAP. Materials include literacy, math, and fine motor activities. The library includes activities that the children can do independently, but please note; this is also a great opportunity to work with children one on one with no distractions. This time can be beneficial to help provide extra support on a specific skill as well as relationship building with the child.

I do encourage staff to continue to think of ideas to add to the center quiet time libraries. I myself have

gathered resources for teacher made activities that will gradually be made and brought out to each center over time in the future. Some other ideas that centers can put together include:

1. Button boxes: skills can include sorting, patterning, counting. Add some pipe cleaners and built button trees and work on fine motor skills.
2. Sponge towers: Use household sponges and cut into strips and shapes for children to stack and build.
3. Velcro with fun foam and craft sticks: Place a piece of Velcro on each end of the foam piece and/or craft stick and see what the kids can create. (Spatial awareness)

Thank you for everything you are doing to support learning in young lives 😊



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Quiet Time Library Inventory List

Center: _____

Materials:	
Write the Letter Activity Center:	2 Kits
Build the Letter Activity Center	
Magic Board:	2 Kits/boards
Giant Alphabet Beads	
Storytelling Lapboard:	2 Kits, with more felt items to come
Kit 1: Three Little Pigs Puppet Kit	
Teasing Mr. Crocodile/5 little monkeys Puppet Kit	
Five Little Ducks Puppet Kit	
Kit 2: Old Macdonald Glove Puppet Kit	
Little Red Hen Glove Puppet Kit	
Five Green Speckled Frogs Puppet Kit	
Buckle Lace Tie Dressing Frames	
Pattern Blocks Design Cards and Plastic Pattern Blocks	2 Kits
Shape Sorting Center	2 kits
Lacing Cards	3 kits
Giant Beads	2 kits

