

October 2026 Materials List

The supplemental materials for this month's themes are listed below, in addition to your standard classroom supplies. Embrace creativity when making substitutions, incorporate the children's ideas, and prioritize safety.

Theme 1: Safety First

- clothespins
- *No Dragons for Tea: Fire Safety for Kids* by Jean E. Pendziwol
OR digital device
- alphabet/number beads
- ingredients/supplies for Yogurt Veggie Dip (see p. 19)
- ice cube
- heating pad
- adhesive bandages
- clinic/doctor props
- community helper props
- books about helping occupations
- protective gear (e.g., aprons, work gloves, hard hat, vest)
- leaves
- snacks/refreshments (see p. 41)

Theme 2: Wiggly Wonders

- small squeeze bottles
- weighted exercise balls
- dirt
- toy mouse
- hair gel
- applesauce (see p. 64)
- apple juice (optional, see p. 64)
- orange slices (see p. 64)
- freshly baked bread/buns (see p. 64)
- craft/fabric glue
- artificial flowers OR paper flowers
- yellow and black scarves/fabric
- cornstarch

Standard Classroom Supplies

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| • bags/boxes/baskets | • cotton balls/swabs | • music/instruments | • spray bottles/plastic bottles |
| • balls/beanbags | • craft sticks | • newspapers/magazines | • stamp pads |
| • beads/buttons/poms | • crayons/markers | • paints/paintbrushes | • stapler |
| • board games/puzzles | • cups/bowls/dishes | • paper punch | • stencils/rulers |
| • camera/photos of children | • digital device | • parachute/blankets/sheets | • stickers |
| • cardboard tubes | • felt/craft foam | • pencils | • streamers |
| • chalk | • index cards/sticky notes | • playdough | • stuffed animals/toys |
| • chenille stems | • kitchen utensils/bakeware | • printer | • variety of glues/tapes |
| • children's books | • magnifiers | • scissors | • variety of paper |
| • clipboards | • manipulatives/blocks | • sensory materials (sand/
rice/pebbles/dirt)/bin | • yarn/string/ribbon |
| • containers/buckets | • mirrors | | |