

SMART Desk Activities

Typical desk activities appear similar to standard curriculum, but the sequences and processes used with SMART contrast radically with typical approaches. The curriculum consists of traditional letters and numbers, listening games, coloring, drawing and printing, mathematics, second language exposure, and early work reading. The sequence, however, emphasizes restoration and readiness to the curriculum prior to the teaching of academic basic skills. SMART brain inputs for this curriculum emphasize tactile-kinesthetic tracing saturation, eye-hand coordination development, a long-term pre-writing sequence of form tracing, domino concepts through multiple visual inputs, and the right-brain number concept basis of math.

Quick and automatic responses, tactile development sequence, success spelling, rainbow tracing, and fun high-level mastery are emphasized. The activities may include sound stimulation and language stimulation from other cultures, and phonemic skills as readiness preparation for phonetic analysis in reading. Sequences of activities insure that children begin the year at introductory stages and progress through developmental stages as the school year proceeds.

Children with problems are easy to identify early for special, intensive programming. These activities appear to be similar to many activities currently present in many kindergarten programs, but SMART techniques makes these activities inputs rather than outputs of performance. Typical kindergarten activities at present go directly to early academics without developing underlying readiness abilities first.

Floor Activities

Floor activities include many gymnastics-like vestibular and eye-hand coordination stimulation inputs, including eyes-closed vestibular activators and rolling, spinning, forward rolls, etc. Eye-hand coordination stimulation through wall chart tracing and direct adult guidance stimulate maturation of basic vision and visual coordination skills. Eye-hand coordination development and fire safety mobility coordination is integrated into floor balance and mobility stimulation.