



Curriculum

Starting September 2023, we are excited to announce that we are implementing a new curriculum called Funnydaffer! This theme-based curriculum has thousands of age-appropriate lesson plans and activities, follows Minnesota Standards, and includes newsletters, training and more! Each week there will be a theme with hands-on activities and curriculum in the areas of Large Group Circle Time, Creative Arts, Literacy, Science & Tech, Physical Fitness, Math, Music & Movement, and a Skill Focus. In addition, we have added Sign Language (Infants & Toddlers), Basic Spanish (Preschool), LANA (Nutrition and Foods), and Social Emotional Character Development. Stepping Stones students are presented with a variety of choices in activities which allows them to be in control of their learning!

What is a Funnydaffer?

Funnydaffer is a complete, fully-customizable curriculum for early childhood teachers! It is created by teachers who have been in the early childhood industry for more than 20 years! The creators are "crazy creative, crazy hard-working, crazy fun and just plain crazy...about helping children love to learn!"

(A funnydaffer is also a fuzzy creature that makes you happy :)

Do you believe in a teacher-directed or child-directed learning environment?

"Clearly both are important. While a child will naturally learn to talk, that same child must be taught how to read. While this suggests that both teacher-directed and child-directed learning is essential, we believe the best classroom environment is one with open centers, open choice and a rich variety of options for your students. The lessons provided by Funnydaffer can be incorporated into these centers - sometimes in a child-directed way and sometimes in a teacher-directed way to a small group of eager learners."

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FUN

Our Play-Based Curriculum!

1. Fun & Creative Play-Based Curriculum

For more than 24 years, over 200 extremely qualified childcare professionals contributed to the construction of this play-based curriculum. That's a lot of love! The flexibility, ease of use and researched methods allow every child to learn, grow and thrive.

2. Personalized Instruction

No two children progress alike and their needs should be met individually. **Our curriculum is designed to accommodate a variety of learning styles to ensure each child succeeds.** We provide a very large platform from which to build a comprehensive approach to delivering curriculum. Our lesson plans are designed to let children discover, invent, pretend and challenge themselves.

3. Approved for Use in Accredited Schools

The Funnydaffer curriculum has been assessed by many childcare professionals and is approved in states across the nation. Our curriculum addresses all of the developmental and learning objectives each child needs. Plus, it is really fun!

- ✓ PLAY-BASED LEARNING ACTIVITIES
- ✓ TWELVE SUBJECT AREAS PER DAY
- ✓ ACCURATE ASSESSMENTS OF CHILD'S PROGRESS
- ✓ FUN GAMES & EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL
- ✓ CHILD & TEACHER DIRECTED LESSONS
- ✓ OUTDOOR ENRICHMENT DAILY
- ✓ PARENT AT-HOME ACTIVITIES



The collage features several items:

- A search bar with the text "Search ex. 'paint'" and two activity cards:
 - Toothpaste Painting**: Subject: Art, Learning Goals: Creative Expression, Supplies: Paint brushes, Paper, toothpaste.
 - Apple of My Eye**: Subject: Learning Centers, Learning Goals: Social Emotional, Friendship, Supplies: Apple Sauce, Paint brushes, Paper.
- A purple card titled "APPROACHES TO LEARNING" with text:
 - AL 2A: Uses imagination to create, tell stories, engage in make-believe play.
 - AL 2B: Uses materials, supplies, tools, toys or equipment to make something.
 - AL 2C: Is flexible; tries a variety of methods to problem solve.
- A document titled "COWS" with a cow illustration.
- A document titled "TRIANGLE" with a triangle illustration.
- Art supplies including a paintbrush, a bottle of blue paint, and a brown paper bag filled with various items.



FUN

Our State-Approved Curriculum!

1. More than 10,000 lessons

Over 200 teachers with vast amounts of experience have contributed to the construction of this curriculum over a period of 22 years. That's a lot of love! The flexibility, ease of use and tried and true methods make every teacher's job easier and that means more attention for your little one.

2. Streamlines the teaching process

Funnydaffer provides a detailed accounting of which state standards are met on a daily/weekly or monthly basis. Teachers can ensure that every child is learning and progressing appropriately. Additionally, the Focus Group feature of the curriculum allows teachers to identify weaknesses and search for creative ways to present concepts so that all learning types are addressed and each child succeeds.

3. Creates supply lists

Teachers can generate detailed checklists of supplies required to accomplish their lesson plans on either a daily, weekly or monthly basis. This prevents unnecessary spending and helps to keep the classroom more organized. Children can help by taking inventory and suggesting their favorite activities based on the supplies at hand.

- ✓ LESSON GRIDS FOR INFANTS TO SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN
- ✓ CREATIVE OUTLET FOR TEACHERS
- ✓ SUPPLY SEARCH
- ✓ STATE STANDARDS SEARCH
- ✓ TEMPLATES & THEMES
- ✓ RECIPES & GAMES
- ✓ CLASSROOM PROPS & RESOURCES
- ✓ ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS



Search: "paint"

Toothpaste Painting
Subject: Art
Learning Goals: Creative Expression
Supplies: Paintbrushes, Paper, toothpaste

Apple of My Eye
Subject: Learning Centers
Learning Goals: Social Emotional: Friendship
Supplies: Apple Slices, Paintbrushes, Paper

APPROACHES TO LEARNING

creativity

- AI.2A: Uses imagination to create, will start engage in make-balls play.
- AI.2B: Uses materials, supplies, tools, toys or equipment to make something.
- AI.2C: Is flexible; tries a variety of methods problem solve.

COWS

TRIANGLE



AUGUST

Getting to Know You!

Letter	Number	Shape	Color
Ss	$\frac{1}{2}$	hexagon	aqua

SEPTEMBER

Apples in the Fall

Letter	Number	Shape	Color
Mm Aa	$\frac{3}{4}$	circle	red

OCTOBER

Life on the Farm

Letter	Number	Shape	Color
Tt ii	$\frac{5}{6}$	oval	orange

NOVEMBER

We All Give Thanks

Letter	Number	Shape	Color
Pp Nn Cc	$\frac{7}{8}$	triangle	yellow

DECEMBER

Let's Celebrate!

Letter	Number	Shape	Color
Dd Gg	$\frac{9}{10}$	square	green

JANUARY

Exploring the Poles

Letter	Number	Shape	Color
Ff Hh Oo	$\frac{11}{12}$	rectangle	blue

FEBRUARY

Love is in the Air

Letter	Number	Shape	Color
Bb Ll	$\frac{13}{14}$	heart	pink

MARCH

3,2,1...Blast Off!

Letter	Number	Shape	Color
Rr Ee	$\frac{15}{16}$	star	black

APRIL

Bloomin' Everywhere

Letter	Number	Shape	Color
Ww Uu	$\frac{17}{18}$	Rhombus	purple

MAY

Dinosaurs!

Letter	Number	Shape	Color
Jj Kk	$\frac{19}{20}$	Trapezoid	brown

JUNE

Living Creatures

Letter	Number	Shape	Color
Zz Xx	1-10	octagon	grey

JULY

Get Moving!

Letter	Number	Shape	Color
Vv Yy Qq	11-20	Semi Circle	Rainbow