

Play Equipment and Educational Toys Showcase

What's New for 2005

The resources in a child's environment are extremely important. Recent brain research findings prove that a child's interaction with her environment will have a lasting impact on her future potential. Manufacturers of early childhood equipment and toys were invited to submit their most innovative products for 2005. Inclusion in the Showcase does not imply endorsement by *Exchange*. To receive more information about these products, go the Product Inquiry Card located between pages 64 and 65 and fill in circle 84 to receive information about all of these companies, or select the circle numbers of specific companies.

Fire Engine

The only thing missing is the Dalmatian with our new fire engine! It features lots of play possibilities for smaller kids of all abilities, and is fun for single kids or a group. Kids can slide, climb, and even "drive" this big rig. Multiple activities stimulate the senses and promote creative play.

Want to find out more?
Call 888-4PLAYLSI.



Landscape Structures

Circle 83 on Product
Inquiry Card
888-4PLAYLSI
(888-475-2957)
www.playlsi.com

BlongoBall is Education's Newest Tool

BlongoBall, a game for all ages, has been endorsed by educators as a tool to teach everything from cooperation to math skills. The game is easy to understand, fun to play, and can be enjoyed by very young students. BlongoBall helps pre-schoolers in developing hand-eye coordination and cooperative play. Special pricing is available for educators. A free DVD explains how BlongoBall can be used in a classroom setting.



Blongo Family Fun

Circle 65 on Product
Inquiry Card
1-888-Blongoball
(1-888-256-6462)
www.blongoball.com

"CLICS" is a new outstanding educational construction toy for children ages 4 and up. "CLICS" challenges children's creativity and imagination as they explore and discover the many different ways that "CLICS" can be clicked together. "CLICS" proves that fun and education "CLICS" together in one thrilling experience! You can find more information about "CLICS" by "clicking" www.exclusivetoyusa.com or by phone at (718) 851-6777.

Exclusive Toys USA

Circle 67 on Product Inquiry Card
(718) 851-6777
www.exclusivetoyusa.com



All 'N One Kitchen Island

"What's cooking?" ... lots of pretend play. Sturdy hardwood construction and space-saving design set this kitchen unit apart from others. Features include an oven with see through door, cook top with raised burners, sink, microwave, and refrigerator. The deluxe design has hooks for hanging utensils and pots, a telephone, and clock with moveable hands. The unit is 46" high, 31" wide, 23" deep with a 24" high work surface.



Constructive Playthings

Circle 64 on Product Inquiry Card
(800) 448-4115
www.cptoy.com

Frog Pond Table

Square shaped sand and water table allows children to enjoy sensory experiences. The 36" x 36" molded plastic table has shallow outer canal with paddles and dams, allowing children to create currents. The center tub is deeper (6") and is textured



with creatures found in a pond. Casters on four legs. The center tub contains a drain for easy emptying.

LP 1139 Frog Pond Table • LP 1140 Frog Pond Lid
LP 1141 Frog Pond Table & Lid

T.L. Clark, Inc. / Learning Products

Circle 66 on Product Inquiry Card
(800) 859-3815
www.learningproducts.com

CORRECTION NOTICE:
Addition to Previous Listing

Buyer's Guide to Assessment Tools

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Teaching Strategies
(800) 637-3652
www.teachingstrategies.com

Teaching Strategies provides extensive assessment tools to the early childhood field.

We apologize for omitting them from the guide.



Mix & Match Doughnuts (LER 7205)

- Ages 2 +
- \$12.95
- A tasty twist to a familiar memory game.

Place all the doughnuts frosting side down, mix them up, and start searching for matching pairs. Be the first to match the most pairs and you win! The 12 doughnuts feature 12 removable frosting patterns that can be connected for countless matching games. Comes with doughnut "box" for storage. Learning Resources is your one-stop shopping for quality learning toys parents want for their children that offer play value and make a difference.

Learning Resources

Circle 69 on Product Inquiry Card
1-888-489-9388
www.learningresources.com



GameTime is pleased to introduce TotStuff, a new line of playground products designed for smaller or lighter traffic facilities. Designed with 2-3/8" O.D. uprights, TotStuff is perfect for daycare providers, churches, or any customer looking for a low cost playground alternative to meet the needs of their smaller facility.

Available in many colors, as well as in Clifford themes. TotStuff is available now.

GameTime

Circle 70 on Product Inquiry Card
(800) 235-2440
www.gametime.com



TALK BLOCKS

A wonderfully simple way to share not only feelings, but also needs. Shy preschoolers find it easy to communicate with TALK BLOCKS. The set includes two Red "I feel" blocks with 12 different emotions (sad, embarrassed, angry, etc.) illustrated both with words and images and two Green "I need" blocks with 12 different needs (a hug, to cry, to be alone, etc.). A child chooses an emotion from the Red blocks, then a need from the Green ones. TALK BLOCKS gives children a positive way to respond to their emotions. Children learn that they can both recognize emotions and that they can choose what is needed to address their feelings.

Innovative Interactions

Circle 71 on Product Inquiry Card
1-888-590-2303
www.talkblocks.com



The Environments Rainbow Roll-Out #800-018 supports a variety of learning-rich activities and fresh experiences for children from toddlers to preschoolers and provides opportunities for children to play independently, with other children, or with adults. A 12" x 36" rainbow play mat features richly textured fabrics. Comes with smooth wooden shapes, soft plastic discs, and a rainbow toss cube for matching, sorting, counting, or playing games. Learning happens naturally!

Environments, Inc.

Circle 73 on Product Inquiry Card
1-800-EI-CHILD (1-800-342-4453)
www.environments.com

Geo-Climber:

Steelcraft's Geo-Climber is an innovative way to stimulate physical activity in children five years and up. The beehive's surface allows for multiple child use. Available in three different sizes with diameters of 10', 12' or 14'. Our Button-Hub was designed for safety, with no sharp edges, is smooth and eliminates the possibility of entrapment and allows for easy assembly.

L.A. Steelcraft Products, Inc.

Circle 72 on Product Inquiry Card
(626) 798-7401
www.lasteelcraft.com



Safety Deck II

Made from recycled rubber tires and PVC, Safety Deck II tiles can be installed to create safe, natural playgrounds and recreational and sports surfaces. The 20-by-20 hollow tiles are easily laid together like a jigsaw puzzle to protect and aerate the root systems as thick grass grows through it. No digging or trenching also means lower labor cost. Safety Deck II complies with (ASTM) and (CPSC) guidelines and provides a natural, non-barrier grass access to meet the intent of the (ADA) guidelines for wheelchairs.

Mat Factory, Inc.

Circle 74 on Product Inquiry Card

(800) 628-7626

www.matfactoryinc.com

Uncle Goose Toys

Uncle Goose Toys is proud to offer our award-winning ABC block sets in more than 10 languages — including Braille, Danish, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Norwegian, Russian (Cyrillic), Sign Language, Spanish, and Swedish. Not only do these sets preserve a child's cultural heritage but introduce other children to foreign languages at an early age. \$30 MSR.

Uncle Goose Toys

Circle 76 on Product Inquiry Card

(888) 774-2046

www.unclegoose.com

Unity Surfacing Systems

We are proud to announce several new products for the 2005 year and beyond. Along with our Tough-Land, Pave-Land, Play-Land, Soft-Land series, our new Rainbow-Land series is a loose filled rubber surface. These products interlock together and come in a wide variety of colors and thicknesses to fit your indoor and outdoor needs. Meets: ASTM, CPSC, ADA safety guidelines.

Unity Surfacing Systems

Circle 77 on Product Inquiry Card

(516) 933-3238

www.surfacingsystems.com

RECBASE®

Whatever your choice on unitary surfacing is... Start with RECBASE®! RECBASE® consists of recycled foam panels that are installed as a base for playground surfaces. This resilient base is then covered with poured in place rubber, rubber tiles, or artificial turf. RECBASE® provides drainage and 5 feet of fall protection while offering significant savings in costs!

Zeager Bros., Inc.

Circle 79 on Product Inquiry Card

(800) 346-8524

www.zeager.com

RYAN'S ROOM®

SMALL WORLD TOYS® introduces RYAN'S ROOM® Li'l Fire Stoppers Main Station, Big Red Truck and Helping Heroes available in specialty retail stores June 2004. SMALL WORLD TOYS® has been a leading manufacturer and supplier of specialty toys since 1962. SMALL WORLD TOYS® provides toys that encourage discovery and imagination for children of all ages through high quality and innovative product.

Small World Toys®

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www.smallworldtoys.com

Pick Me Up! Fun Songs for Learning Signs — Music CD and Activity Guide

Created especially for teachers, parents, and caregivers looking for fun ways to introduce American Sign Language (ASL) signs to their children. Pick Me Up! is the exciting new Enhanced Music CD and Activity Guide from Sign2Me®. Put the same "Enhanced CD" in your computer and watch instructional and demonstration videos that simplify learning and leading Sign2Me® Activities.

Northlight Communications

Circle 81 on Product Inquiry Card

(877) 744-6263

www.sign2me.com

The Lakeshore Mobile Teaching Center features easy-rolling, locking casters, a magnetic write & wipe surface on both sides and 4 big bins for storage. Plus, 3 sturdy rings on top let you hang pocket charts right on the center . . . and the big plastic bins below make it easy to access supplies from either side! Center comes assembled.

Item # TT251

\$349.00

Lakeshore Learning Materials

Circle 82 on Product Inquiry Card

(800) 421-5354

www.lakeshorelearning.com

Build an entire playground at an affordable price! Childforms offers the total solution for your Early Childhood Playground with our NEW ChildShapers™ packages. Each value-packed package includes one of our ChildShapers™ modular play structures, several independent play events, and the Funtimber™ playground borders needed to enclose your playground. All packages are priced to give you savings off of our regular prices.

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(800) 447-3349

www.childforms.com