

SUGGESTIONS FOR ENRICHING THE ENVIRONMENT

- Provide plenty of *open-ended materials*, both indoors and outdoors, that can be used in more than one way.
- Provide materials that challenge children's *problem-solving* abilities (challenging puzzles or different kinds of paint and brushes).
- Establish a consistent *routine* that promotes children's sense of expectation, while also being flexible to *teachable moments*.
- Provide time for reflection in the daily schedule (use snack time for conversations about the morning's play activities).
- Set up safe and engaging activities and experiences that give children the opportunity to use their thinking and problem-solving skills (science *experiments*, observing and predicting).

