

Investigations Manipulative Recommendations- Kindergarten

Manipulatives rubric

- 3 -- Difficult to substitute with another manipulative
- 2 -- Substitutions can be used but will require effort
- 1 -- Easily substituted with another manipulative

Essential manipulatives

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snap cubes • Pattern blocks • Blank dice/cubes • Pattern block di-cuts • Geoboards • Play-doh • Craft sticks • Dice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 colored counters/pennies • Geometric solids • Bear counters • Number line or hundreds chart • Calendar • Buttons Attribute blocks • Balance scale • Container for counting jar
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Unit 1

Manipulative	Rubric
Nametags	3
Geoblocks	2
Pattern Blocks	2
Snap Cubes	2
Colored Tiles	2
Attribute Blocks	3
Buttons	2
Calendar	3
Counting Jar	1
Ziploc Bags	2
Pattern Block Cutouts	3

Unit 2

Manipulative	Rubric
Coloring Supplies	3
Small Items	1
Snap Cubes	3
Nametags	3
Calendar	3
Inventory Bag	1
Colored Tiles	1
1-6 Dot Cubes	3
Primary Number Cards	3
Pennies	2
Buttons	1
Connecting Cubes	2
Index Cards	1

Unit 3

Manipulative	Rubric
Pattern block cubes	3
Pattern blocks	3
Pattern block cut-outs	2
Playdoh	3
Make a Shape Cards	3
Attribute Blocks	3
Geo Boards	3

Unit 4

Manipulative	Rubric
Unifix cubes	2
Craft sticks	3
pennies	2
Dice	3
1-3 dot cube	3
bears	1
-1, +1 cube	3
Square tiles	3
Red and yellow counters	2

Unit 5

Manipulative	Rubric
Geometric Solid	3
Geo Blocks	2
Connecting Cubes	3
Playdough or Clay	3

Unit 6

Manipulative	Rubric
Dot cubes, 1-3 & 1-6	2
Unit cubes	1
Red & blue crayons	1
Bear counters	1
Two color chips	2
pennies	2
Number line	3

Unit 7

Manipulative	Rubric
Attribute blocks	3
Buttons	2

Unit 8

Manipulative	Rubric
Bear counters	1
cubes	1
pennies	1
Two color chips	2
Snap cubes	3
Pan balance tool	3