

## **MATERIAL PRICING GUIDE AND SUGGESTIONS ON WHERE TO FIND NATURE-BASED PLAY ITEMS**

***\*Vendors are provided for reference only, not endorsed***

- **Outerwear: (many offer group discounts, always ask!)**
  - [The Outdoor Learning Store](#) - a charitable non-profit that offers outdoor learning equipment and resources for educators and learners. All proceeds support outdoor learning non-profit organizations.
  - [Biddle and Bop Outerwear](#)
  - [Oaki Children's Adventure Gear](#)
  
- **Nature and Play Learning Supplies**
  - [Natural Playground Store](#)
  - [The Outdoor Learning Store](#)
  - [Acorn Naturalists](#) - offers school supplies, science and nature activity kits, and hands-on educational resources
  - [Nature of Early Play](#) - USA made of 85% post-consumer plastics
  - [Nature Explore store](#)
  - [Play with a Purpose](#)
  - [Shop - Rusty Keeler](#)
  - [Discount School Supplies](#)

### **Pricing Guide for Investment in Outdoor Play and Learning**

#### **Indoor:**

- **Science & Math**
  - Loose parts- large bottle caps, toilet paper/paper towel rolls, tiles,
  - yarn, bowls, measuring cups, spools, washers, buttons, etc. - \$0 or very low cost
  - Natural loose parts- pine cones, seashells, acorn tops, sticks, stones,
  - seed pods, small tree cookies, etc. – \$0 or very low cost
  - Measuring tapes, portable microscope - ~\$50 (Lakeshore)
  - Scale - \$167 (Discount School Supplies)
  
- **Literacy/Library Area**
  - Library rack - \$300 (Community Playthings)
  - 15 nature books - ~\$100 (local bookstore)

- Comfortable seating/cushions - \$77- \$150 (Lakeshore, School Outfitters)
- Music
  - International Wooden Music Set for Toddlers - \$33 (Amazon)
  - Dancing scarves, set of 12 - \$20 (Lakeshore)
  - Cajon drum - \$70 (Alto Music)
  - Natural rattles, set of 3 - \$38 (Nature Explore)
- Art
  - Creativity table- \$1,895 (Nature Explore)
  - Nature materials- pine cones, acorn tops, pine needles, leaves, bark, flowers - \$0
  - Wood peg dolls, 100 count - \$20 (Oriental Trading)
  - Tempera Cake Paints, Classroom Set (36 paints/36 brushes) - \$99 (Amazon)
- Fine Motor/Manipulatives
  - Nature samples- seed pods, seashells - \$0- \$30 (found items; Nature Explore)
  - Natural tree blocks -\$55-60 (Nature Explore, Becker's School Supplies)
  - Water blocks \$65 (Nature Explore)
- Dramatic Play
  - Photo albums with photos of children and their families - \$45 (Discount School Supplies)
  - Bowls, colanders, funnels, pots, pans, muffin tins, utensils, etc. - \$0
  - Basket of fabrics, silk, burlap - \$0 or very low cost
  - Realistic animal puppets - \$17- \$96 (Folkmanis Puppets)
- Indoor space
  - Montessori shelving - \$230-\$555 (Community Playthings)
  - Woven storage baskets - \$13-\$18 (Community Playthings)
  - Nature shelf - \$296 (Today's Classrooms)
  - Nature mobiles for classroom ceiling - \$0 or very low cost

### **Outdoor:**

- Science & Math
  - Magnifying glasses, set of 10 - \$29 (Nature Explore)
  - Binoculars - \$25 (Nature Explore)
  - Cedarwood traditional bluebird houses, set of 4 - \$99 (Bestnest.com)
  - Galvanized buckets, set of 6 - \$11 (Amazon)
  - Paint chips for scavenger hunt - \$0 (any paint store)
  - 2 way nature viewer - \$15, (The Outdoor Learning Store)
- Literacy
  - Journals, blank, 8x5, 12 pack - \$17 (Amazon)

- Assorted tools/implements for mark-making (crayons, markers, chalk, scrapers, paint, stamps) -varying prices (any craft store)
- Wooden letters - \$2 each (Michael's)
- Story baskets w/ assorted field guides, maps, and story books – varying prices
- Music
  - Tubular bells - \$3,925- \$5985 (Rusty Keeler)
  - Musical fence - \$1,899 (Play with a Purpose)
  - Marimba -\$3,095 (Nature Explore)
  - Create your own sound wall with pots/pans - < \$50 (Pinterest)
- Art
  - Art panel- \$1,895 (Nature Explore)
  - Tempera Cake Paints, Classroom Set (36 paints/36 brushes) - \$99 (Amazon)
  - Two station hanging fence easel - \$106 (School Outfitters)
  - Discovery Create and Paint Easel - \$299 (Curiosity Inspired)
  - Natural art materials - \$0
- Fine motor/manipulatives
  - Outdoor water trellis and planning table - \$799 (Discount School Supplies)
  - Bamboo Water Run with Pivoting Spouts - \$126 (Discount School Supplies)
  - Watering cans and tools - \$25 (Hearth Song)

#### Gross motor

- Hill slide - \$285 -1730 (Play Set Parts; Rusty Keeler)
- Natural balance beam - \$419-\$499 (Nature Explore)
- Log steps - \$499 (Nature Explore)
- Wooden curved board - \$199 (Nature Explore)
- Large log (secured so it doesn't roll) - potentially \$0 (local lumber yard or tree service)
- Garden tools - \$32 (Montessori Services)
- Learning/play space
  - Log mash play system climber- \$9,554 – \$28,708 (Nature's Instruments)
  - Double tree mash climber - \$5,3144 (Nature's Instruments)
  - Sideways tree climber- \$19,063 (Nature's Instruments)
  - Spring willow for willow tunnel - \$260 (Rusty Keeler)
  - Giant tree cookies, set of 14 - \$199 (Nature Explore)
  - Stepping rounds- \$260-338 (Nature's Instruments)
  - Kids Wooden Rectangular Picnic Table - \$60 (Walmart)
  - Outdoor storage shed - \$299 (Wayfair)
  - Tree cookies- potentially \$0 from local lumber yard/tree service

- Stump stools for sitting or climbing- potentially \$0 from local lumber yard/tree service
- Bird feeders, make your own as art project - ~\$20 for supplies
- Milkweed to attract butterflies - \$0 (apply at monarchwatch.org)
- Outdoor clothing
  - Waterproof outer layers, \$40-70 (Oaki, Biddle and Bop and others)
  - Non-cotton base layers \$60-80 (Ella's Wool) or wear fleece pajamas
  - Boot socks, \$9-17, (Lands' End, Smart Wool)
  - Long, waterproof mittens - \$12-20 (N'Ice Caps)

Waterproof boots \$20-60 (Oaki, Bogs, Muck, Lands' End, etc.)