

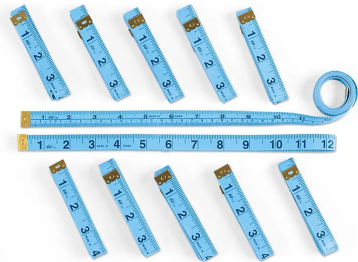
Nature-Based Learning Materials Guide

*Please note we are not affiliated with these vendors in any way; we simply offer them as a starting point.

Nature & Play-Based Indoor Classroom Materials

Science & Math

Measuring tapes and
portable microscope
- \$50 (Lakeshore)



Loose parts- \$0
or very low
cost



Scale - \$167
(Discount School
Supply)



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Nature-Based Indoor Classroom Materials

Literacy/Library

Library rack - \$300
(Community Playthings)



15 nature books -
~\$100 (local bookstore)

Comfortable seating/cushions -
~\$77-\$150
(Lakeshore, School Outfitters)

Nature-Based Indoor Classroom Materials

Music



International
wooden music set
for Toddlers - \$33
(Stoie's-Amazon)



Natural rattles, set of
3 - \$38 (Nature
Explore)



Cajon drum - \$70
(Alto Music)



Dancing scarves -
\$20 (Lakeshore)

Nature-Based Indoor Classroom Materials

Art



Tempera Cake Paints,
Classroom Set (36
paints/36 brushes) -
\$99 (Amazon)

Wood peg dolls,
100 count - \$20
(Oriental Trading)



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Creativity table,
\$1895 (Nature
Explore)



Nature materials- pine
cones, acorn tops, pine
needles, bark, flowers,
sticks, leaves, etc. - \$0

Nature-Based Indoor Classroom Materials

Fine Motor/Manipulatives



Natural tree blocks -
\$55 (Becker's
School Supplies)

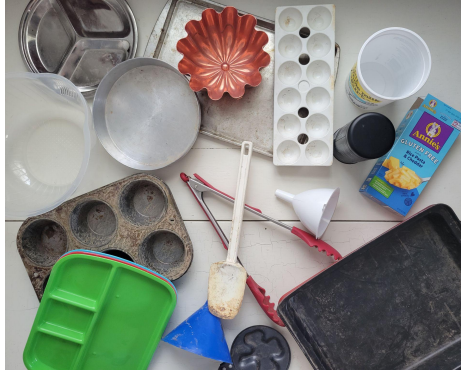
Seed pod and
seashell samples,
\$0-\$30 (found;
Nature Explore)



Water blocks - \$40
(Kaplan)

Nature-Based Indoor Classroom Materials

Dramatic Play



Bowls, colanders, funnels,
pots, pans, muffin tins,
utensils, spice containers,
food boxes, etc. - \$0



Fabric photo album
for children and
their families - \$45
(Kaplan)



Realistic animal
puppets - \$17- \$96
(Folkmanis Puppets)



Basket of fabrics,
silk, and burlap - \$0

Nature-Based Indoor Classroom Materials

Indoor Space

Montessori shelving, -
\$230-555 (Community
Playthings)



Woven storage baskets
- \$13-\$18 (Community
Playthings)



Nature mobiles for
classroom ceiling (can
be art project) - \$0



Nature shelf - \$296
(Today's Classrooms)



Nature-Based Outdoor Materials

Science & Math



Binoculars - \$25
(Nature Explore)



2 way nature
viewer - \$15,
(The Outdoor
Learning Store)



Magnifying glasses, set
of 10 - \$29 (Nature
Explore)



Paint chips for
scavenger hunt - \$0
(any paint store)



Cedarwood bluebird
houses, set of 4 - \$99
(Bestnest.com)



Galvanized
buckets, set of 6 -
\$11 (Amazon)

Nature-Based Outdoor Materials

Literacy

Blank journals, 12
pack - \$17 (Amazon)



Assorted
tools/implements for
mark-making (crayons,
markers, chalk, scrapers,
paint, stamps) -varying
prices (any craft store)

Wooden letters (or
make your own out of
sticks! - \$2 each
(Michael's))



Story baskets w/
assorted field guides,
maps, and story books
-varying prices

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Music

Create your own sound wall with pots/pans -
< \$50

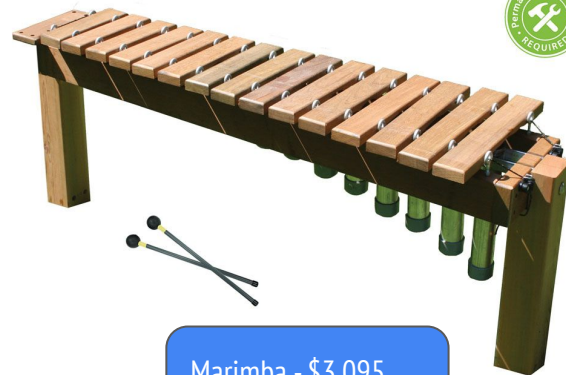


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Tubular bells -
\$3,925-\$5,985 (Rusty
Keeler)



Musical fence - \$1,899
(Play with a Purpose)



Marimba - \$3,095
(Nature Explore)



Nature-Based Outdoor Materials

Art



Tempera Cake Paints,
Classroom Set (36
paints/36 brushes) -
\$99 (Amazon)

Natural art materials - \$0



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Discovery Create and
Paint Easel - \$299
(Curiosity Inspired)



Two station hanging
fence easel - \$106
(School Outfitters)



Art panel - \$1,895
(Nature Explore)

Nature-Based Outdoor Materials

Fine Motor/Manipulatives/Sensory Play

Outdoor Water Trellis
and Panning Table -
\$799 (Discount School
Supplies)



Watering cans and tools
- \$25 (Hearth Song)



Bamboo Water Run
with Pivoting Spouts -
\$126 (Discount School
Supplies)



Nature-Based Outdoor Materials

Gross Motor



Balance beam - \$419-\$499
(Nature Explore)

Large log, secured to
prevent rolling -
potentially \$0 (local
lumber yard or tree
service)



Log steps - \$0 - \$479
(lumber company; Nature
Explore)



Hill slide - \$285-\$1,730
(Play Set Parts; Rusty
Keeler)

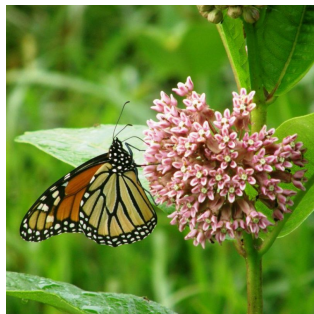
Garden tools - \$32
(Montessori Services)



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Outdoor Environment

Log Mash Play System
climber - \$9,554 - \$28,708
(Nature's Instruments)



Milkweed plants - \$0
(apply at
monarchwatch.org)

Storage shed -
\$329 (Wayfair)



Willow plants for tunnel -
\$260 (Rusty Keeler)



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Log tunnel - \$7,934 -
\$8,208 (Nature's
Instruments)



“There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing.” ~ Scandinavian saying



Waterproof outer layers, \$40-70
(Oaki, Biddle and Bop and others)



Boot socks, \$9-17,
(Lands' End, Smart Wool)



Non-cotton base layers
\$60-80 (Ella's Wool) or
wear fleece pajamas



Long, waterproof
mittens - \$12-20
(N'Ice Caps)



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