In the Manipulative Center

Children learn to...

Match objects in a one-to-one correspondence
Orally identify the number of objects in a group
Recognize the empty set
Know terms related to direction and location
Use vocabulary to define quantities and relationships
Learn vocabulary to compare sets
Demonstrate concepts of part and whole
Compare objects
Form groups by sorting and matching
Combine and separate groups of objects to form new groups
Sort objects by one or more characteristics
Repeat a simple pattern using objects
Order two or three objects by size
Develop fine motor skills
Practice self-help skills
Develop pincher control
Develop perceptual awareness skills
Experience counting objects
Experience identifying patterns
Experience at the readiness level physical representations of addition and subtraction
Discover similarities and differences
Know the letters of the alphabet
Distinguish between upper and lower case letters
Sequence events correctly
Make predictions and explain why
Discover color, shape, line and texture
Explore money
Explore time units
Classify objects
Acquire eye-hand coordination
Make choices
Make decisions