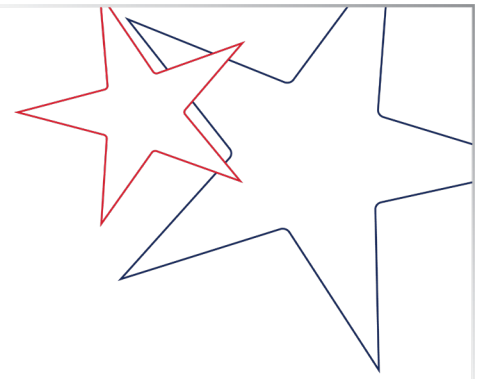


MS BEGINNINGS: PRE-K MATERIALS

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This curriculum has two components, MS Beginnings: Pre-K and Building Blocks Math. The MS Beginnings: Pre-K Curriculum is posted on the [MDE Early Childhood webpage](#).

MS Beginnings: Pre-K Curriculum

MS Beginnings: Pre-K curriculum is intended to support any preschool teacher in providing a rich, play-based, intentional developmentally appropriate instructions. When implemented with fidelity, the MS Beginnings: Pre-K builds social-emotional, executive function, language, literacy, math, and vocabulary skills.

MS Beginnings: Pre-K meets the requirements of the Early Learning Guidelines:

- Aligned to Early Learning Standards
- Comprehensive to cover all domains
- Emphasis on early childhood literacy
- Evidence-based child outcomes
- Thematic based

Special thanks to Boston Public Schools Department of Early Childhood for their guidance and support in the creation of MS Beginnings: Pre-K. The curriculum is derived from Boston's Focus on Early Learning curriculum. The child outcomes evidence-based research can be found at this link: [Teacher as Researcher — Focus on Early Learning](#).

There are many ways to order materials, below is one way.

Go to the [Mississippi Instructional Materials website](#), scroll down to the bottom, complete the **Intent to Purchase** form to ensure speedy delivery.



The Office of Early Childhood is honored to provide an open-source curriculum for four-year-old preschool classrooms (public, private, childcare, home care, and Head Start).

Please visit the curriculum website: <https://www.mdek12.org/EC/Mississippi-Beginnings-Curriculum>

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Startup Materials for Collaborative Pre-K classrooms:	Other items not in links:	Books children will be using and have access to throughout the classroom:
<p>(Links embedded)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom Environment • Blocks and Math • Language and Literacy • Dramatic Play • Science • Art and Music • PE and Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metal binder rings • Elastic bands • Tag board (manila or white) • Pincer clothespins or large paper clips • Double-sided tape • Marbles • Plastic bottles (squeeze tops, nozzle spray & 1 liter) • Kapla blocks • Variety of stickers (geometric shapes, stars, flowers, colors, animals, hearts) • Shiny, reflective paper/aluminum foil • Hand-held mirrors • Kaleidoscope • Duct tape • Sieves • Glycerin • 48" dowel rod (large diameter) • 8-10 dowl rods (small diameter) • Safety pins • Paper towels • Wax paper • Sponges • String or ribbon (grosgrain) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various informational books about animals, fruits, vegetables, clothing, plants, underground animals, and vehicles • Alphabet books • Simple story books <p>UNIT 1 BOOKS</p> <p>Read Alouds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Oonga Boonga or Crybaby</i> • <i>Peter's Chair</i> • <i>The Seven Chinese Sisters or The Hello, Goodbye Window</i> • <i>Whistle for Willie</i> • <i>Corduroy</i> <p>Predictable Texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Time for Bed</i> • <i>Over in the Meadow</i> • <i>Bread, Bread, Bread</i> • <i>On the Go</i> <p>Informational Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Charlie Parker Played be bop</i> • <i>Tito Puente</i> • <i>Shoes, Shoes, Shoes (OP*)</i> • <i>Mouse Paint</i> <p>UNIT 2</p> <p>Read Alouds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Letter to Amy</i> • <i>The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza</i> • <i>Matthew and Tilly</i> • <i>Dandelion</i> • <i>Hooray a Pinata</i>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muffin pans • Drinking straws • Plastic containers with covers • Eyedroppers • Clay tools • Gray clay • Balloons • Pinwheels • Umbrella • Tabletop fan • Metal brads • Cardstock • Painter’s tape • Clipboards • Ink pads • Plastic slip sleeves • Small magnifying glasses • Other consumable items will be needed throughout the school year 	<p>Predictable Texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Golden Bear (OP*) or Dazzling Diggers</i> • <i>Hush!</i> <p>Informational Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Road Builders</i> • <i>It’s Mine!</i> • <i>From Wheat to Bread</i> • <i>Markets Around the World</i> <p>UNIT 3</p> <p>Read Alouds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Gilberto and the Wind</i> • <i>One Dark Night (OP*) or Thunder Cake</i> • <i>Rabbits and Raindrops</i> • <i>A Hat for Minerva Louise</i> • <i>The Snowy Day</i> <p>Predictable Texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Time for Bed</i> <p>Informational Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain</i> • <i>Living Things Need Water</i> • <i>Swimmy</i> <p>UNIT 4</p> <p>Read Alouds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dog’s Colorful Day</i> • <i>Max’s Dragon Shirt</i> • <i>Nana in the City</i> • <i>The Colors of Us</i> • <i>The Lion and the Little Red Bird</i> <p>Predictable Texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cat’s Colors</i> <p>Informational Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Tortilla Factory</i> • <i>Chickens Aren’t the Only Ones</i> • <i>See How They Grow Chick (OP*)</i>



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		<p>UNIT 5</p> <p>Read Alouds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Play with Me</i> • <i>Raccoon on His Own</i> • <i>Kitten’s First Full Moon</i> • <i>Dreams</i> • <i>The Puddle Pail</i> <p>Predictable Text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Clap Your Hands</i> • <i>Night Shift Daddy</i> or <i>Night Job</i> <p>Informational Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Guess Whose Shadow</i> <p>UNIT 6</p> <p>Read Alouds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Ugly Vegetables</i> • <i>Make Way for Ducklings</i> • <i>Zinnia’s Flower Garden</i> • <i>Community Soup</i> • <i>Bigger</i> (Printable Book) <p>Predictable Texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Just Enough (OP*)</i> <p>Informational Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>See How They Grow Duck (OP*)</i> • <i>Growing Things (OP*)</i> • <i>Animals Born Alive and Well</i> • <i>Chickens Aren’t the Only Ones</i>

Building Blocks Math Curriculum

Building Blocks is a separate component of the MS Beginnings: Pre-K Curriculum; therefore, the MDE suggests budgeting for the teacher package and manipulative kit.

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