



Cozy Corner™

Aligns to Head Start

The purpose of *Head Start* is to promote the school readiness of low-income, preschool-age children by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development. This must take place in a learning environment that **supports children’s growth in language, literacy, social and emotional functioning, approaches to learning, and other areas.** The chart below shows how Scholastic **Cozy Corner** aligns to critical parts of *Head Start*.

Key Criteria for Head Start	Cozy Corner
<p>1. Provide high-quality, preschool programs to ensure that children participating in the program develop and demonstrate school readiness skills and abilities, which at a minimum include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language knowledge and skills, including oral language and listening comprehension • Literacy knowledge and skills, including phonological awareness, print awareness and alphabetic knowledge • Mathematics knowledge and skills • Science knowledge and skills • Cognitive abilities related to academic achievement and child development • Approaches to learning related to child development and early learning • Social and emotional development related to early learning and problem solving • Abilities in creative arts • Physical development 	<p>Cozy Corner is an innovative <u>early language and literacy program that reaches across the community and curriculum</u> to support older toddlers, younger preschoolers, early childhood educators, librarians, and <u>families</u>. It builds upon the rich tradition of Storytime by sharing <u>quality children’s books, engaging in topic-rich conversations, and heightening curiosity through music and active learning</u>. It addresses the <u>critical need for school readiness</u> using research-based, best practices.</p> <p>The program primarily consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>10 Storytime Plans</u> with easy-to-implement routines that support the criteria and mission of <i>Head Start</i> • <u>Putumayo Kids theme CDs</u> to get children ready for Storytime • <u>Nursery Rhyme flip chart</u> to reinforce action rhymes • <u>Character Cards</u> to allow children to retell the story in their own way • <u>Theme-related trade books</u> to read-aloud • <u>Storytime Program Guide</u> for extension activities for the classroom and home • <u>Read-Aloud Big Book</u> for each theme using interactive reading strategies as outlined in the Storytime Plan <p>Cozy Corner focuses on the whole child as they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn six proven <u>language and literacy skills</u>, including developing narrative skills, vocabulary, letter knowledge, phonological sensitivity, and print motivation • Listen to read-aloud books and talk about the unit theme, which increases their <u>oral language and listening comprehension</u> • Play while developing <u>age-appropriate social and emotional skills</u>, such as friendship, feelings, rules, self control, and creative problem solving, in the context of real-world and imaginative content • Encounter a variety of curriculum-linked <u>science, early math, and social studies themes</u>, including position words, community workers, animals, and weather • Learn from <u>physical movement, music, and drama</u> through fun action songs and rhymes

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Cozy Corner Alignment to Head Start

Key Criteria for <i>Head Start</i>	<i>Cozy Corner</i>
<p>2. Provide programs that ensure that limited English proficient students progress towards acquisition of the English Language while making meaningful progress, including that made through the use of culturally and linguistically appropriate instructional services</p>	<p>Cozy Corner incorporates practices and activities that support limited English proficient students through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Guide, which includes <u>English Language Learner support</u> for each of the program's 10 themes • Family letters in <u>English and Spanish</u> • Putumayo Kids music CDs, which use songs from a <u>variety of cultural traditions</u> • <u>Oral language and vocabulary</u> lessons and activities
<p>3. Provide family literacy services that integrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive literacy activities between parents and their children • Training for parents regarding how to be the primary teacher for their children 	<p>Cozy Corner Storytime Plans include <u>effective parental involvement</u> components, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Activities that help families</u> incorporate early language and literacy skills into their daily interactions with children • <u>Instructive phrases</u> to help teachers and families better understand how their children are benefiting from the activities • <u>Take-home activities</u> for children to do with their parents, including a reproducible bilingual <i>My Book</i>
<p>4. Provide high-quality professional development, including activities that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are part of a sustained effort to improve outcomes for children and their families, including children of diverse backgrounds and needs • Are developmentally appropriate for the children • Advance teachers' understanding of research-based, instructional strategies, curricula, and ongoing assessments 	<p>Cozy Corner provides a variety of <u>embedded, professional development and support</u> for <i>Head Start</i> teachers and staff. It effectively teaches them how to receive, use, and apply research-based practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Program Guide</u> contains insights from experts, substantive suggestions for expanding the themes into classroom curriculum topics, family involvement materials in both English and Spanish, and ELL support • <u>Storytime Plans</u> include research and guidance for setting up and exploring the theme, reading suggestions for the three theme-related books, extension activities for home and school, and lists of resources for extended study • <u>Theme & Skills List</u> aligns each theme with the targeted language and literature skill, social/emotional concept, early childhood theme/curriculum link, character cards, Big Book, read-aloud books, and audio components
<p>5. Provide ongoing self-assessment of each <i>Head Start</i> program by measuring children's skills that research has demonstrated are related to children's school readiness and later success in school</p>	<p>Cozy Corner provides <u>assessment support</u> through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Guide, which includes a routine to <u>summarize and reflect upon children's accomplishments</u> • <u>Observation</u> of children as they talk about the stories and participate in activities • <u>Parental input</u> from their program-guided interactions with their children