



Creating a multisensory learning environment for young children

"The computer is so interactive and so much fun to play with that it really holds a young child's attention. The color graphics and the audio capabilities focus attention, engaging three of their five senses. And it is providing one-on-one attention, allowing each student to work at his or her own pace. This is the sort of thing that fosters a real enthusiasm and desire for learning. Inevitably, the children want to go further on their own, and the computer invites them to do so. They're learning in greater depth and at a faster pace than they would be otherwise."

—Gloria Smith, Teacher
A+ Day Care, Inc.
Roosevelt, New York

Early Childhood Connections



The Early Childhood Connections Bundle—the featured solution—combines a Power Macintosh 5500/225 computer with the Early Childhood Connections Kit, a collection of software, books, and interactive CD-ROMs. Other computer options are also available.

Early Childhood Connections is a developmentally appropriate, computer-based learning program designed to introduce early number and language concepts, problem solving, music, and creative arts to children ages three through five. The program combines hardware, software, books, and interactive CD-ROMs to create a multisensory learning environment for young children.

Powerful, easy-to-use computer. The Apple® Macintosh® computer is so easy to use that teachers and students are free to concentrate on learning concepts—not computer skills. And Apple's At Ease™ interface, through graphics and sound, allows very young children access to their own work, while offering protection for teacher files and programs. Yet for all this ease of use, the Macintosh is a powerful machine that can be upgraded as your computing needs grow.

Resources for students. The library of innovative software for the very young is designed to promote learning through exploration that involves animation and sound. A selection of children's literature is provided to expand the learning possibilities inherent in the software.

Resources for the teacher. Software is provided to help teachers create high-quality newsletters and classroom materials. And to facilitate teachers' instructional efforts, the *Teacher Resource Guide* offers ideas on how to integrate technology into your classroom. In addition, toll-free technical support is provided for the lifetime of your product.

Open-ended design. Best of all, Early Childhood Connections is flexible, and its open-ended design allows teachers to create dynamic learning environments and easily integrate the program into existing classroom practices.

Apple Education



More Choices, More Flexibility

When you order a Macintosh computer with the Early Childhood Connections Kit, you may also order two *other* Apple Education Series kits. *It's as easy as 1-2-3.*

- 1. Select a computer.** Order the featured solution—which includes a Power Macintosh® 5500/225 and the kit—or choose one of the other computers mentioned below and order the computer and kit separately. Refer to the computer data sheets for more details.
- 2. Choose two other kits.** If you wish to order additional Apple Education Series kits, you can find out what's available on the Education Price List and review the contents on their respective data sheets.
- 3. Purchase everything at once.** The Macintosh computer and up to three kits must all appear on the same purchase order.

Computer Options

This Apple Education Series kit can be purchased with the Power Macintosh 5500 or 6500 series computers, or the PowerBook® 1400 series computers with CD-ROM drives. *Refer to the respective data sheets for details.*

Featured Computer

Power Macintosh 5500/225

Powered by a 225-MHz PowerPC™ 603e processor, equipped with 32MB of RAM, 256K level 2 cache, built-in tilt-and-swivel 15-inch (12.8-inch diagonal viewable image size) multiple-scan color display, 2GB hard disk drive, 24x-speed CD-ROM drive, one PCI expansion slot (7-inch), Ethernet networking, stereo speakers and microphone, keyboard, and mouse.

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Early Childhood Connections Kit

Software

At Ease from Apple Computer, Inc.

An easy-to-use alternative to the standard Macintosh user interface that has been specially designed for young children.

Bailey's Book House from Edmark Corporation

Five activities designed to provide early literacy experiences for children, including learning letter names and sounds, playing with rhymes, and composing a story.

ClarisWorks® for Kids from Claris Corporation

Provides an all-in-one writing, painting, graphing, lists, and fun activities tool for young children. Includes more than 75 activities and an extensive library of clip art, sounds, and movies. Plus, the World Wide Web can be conveniently accessed directly from within the program (web browser, modem, and Internet account required).

Davidson's Kid Works 2 Bilingual from Davidson & Associates, Inc.

A word processing program specifically geared to the needs of the very young, with a built-in text-to-speech feature that lets children create and then hear their own illustrated stories. Can be used in either Spanish or English.

Easy Street from Mindplay

A child's classification program that uses a shopping metaphor to introduce such concepts as memory, problem solving, and matching.

How Many Bugs in a Box from Simon and Schuster Interactive

Eight whimsical games integrate language, counting, number recognition, sorting, ordering, and math concepts such as smaller and larger.

Just Grandma and Me from Living Books, a Random House/Brøderbund Company

An interactive story designed to help children develop basic reading skills. Animated characters, sound effects, and original music make learning more fun. Story can be heard and read in English, Spanish, and Japanese.

Kid Pix 2 Student Edition (Spanish/English) from Brøderbund Software, Inc.

A multimedia paint program and supplemental software designed especially to help young artists get started, with helpful features such as a talking alphabet and a number of "rubber-stamp" images.

Millie's Math House from Edmark Corporation

Six activities that lead young learners through an exploration of basic mathematical concepts, such as numbers, counting, and patterns.

The Writing Center from The Learning Company

An easy-to-use word processing and page-layout program that makes it a snap for teachers to create high-quality, visually appealing documents such as parent handouts and newsletters.

Curriculum and Other Materials

Two-Volume Binder Set

- Volume 1, Teacher Resource Guide: A manual that provides a thematic approach to curriculum integration.
- Volume 2, Student Software: User documentation for all software included in the software library.

Two Children's Books

- *We Are All Alike ... We Are All Different* from Scholastic Inc.
- *Sing a Song of Popcorn* from Scholastic Inc.

Internet Resources

Out of the Box and Onto the Net

A 25-page booklet that discusses the ways in which the Internet enhances teaching and learning. It provides teaching ideas and resources for using the Internet in the classroom and describes the built-in features of Mac® OS 8 that enable you to get started using your Internet connection "right out of the box" (modem and Internet account required).

Ordering Information

Featured Solution

Early Childhood Connections Bundle

Includes a Power Macintosh 5500/225 and an Early Childhood Connections Kit—a convenient way to order the combination with a single part number.

Without setup:	B3444LL/B	\$1,999
With setup:	B3445LL/B	\$2,059

Early Childhood Connections Kit

Order No./Price: T0609LL/J \$300

May be purchased only with a Power Macintosh 5500 or 6500 series computer, or a PowerBook 1400 series computer with a CD-ROM drive.

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