Hi, Pre-K teachers!

Join me as we explore your Teacher Toolkit and ready-to-go Theme Kits. We’ll unpack your components so you know how to use what you have.

Let’s get started!
Teacher Toolkit

First, let’s unpack your Teacher Toolkit.

Whether you are using Three Cheers for Pre-K, or Uno, dos, tres: ¡Prekinder!, your Teacher Toolkit contains materials you will use throughout the school year.

Let’s start with the print or digital Professional Learning Guide. You’ll want to have this handy as you explore the program and prepare to teach. Be sure to read the Lesson Walkthroughs that help you understand each part of your day.

Check out the support for Social Emotional Learning. The program is filled with activities that help children build a sense of who they are and what they can do. You’ll notice tools such as

- center signs;
- Ask Us About prompts and poster;
- Social Emotional Learning Cards; and
- Mood Meter poster.

The Assessment Guide gives an overview of the program’s ongoing progress monitoring and many tips and suggestions for assessing for young learners. It also provides tools such as

- Observational Checklists;
- Anecdotal Record Forms;
- Progress Reports; and
- Screening Assessments.

Be sure to notice the class set of Map Mats your students can easily write on and wipe off. These will help them get involved in the lesson and are also great for designating personal space.

You’ll help pave the way for students to become successful readers. You have tools, such as Picture and Alphabet Cards, that you’ll use all year to help students build alphabet knowledge and develop phonological awareness skills.

And don’t forget about Javi the Helicopter! You will use the program mascot to teach Social Emotional Learning skills daily.
You might also receive a Cross Curricular Manipulatives Kit, depending on your school's purchase. This kit supports children with fine motor skills, eye-hand coordination, visual discrimination, and recognition of shapes, colors, and textures.

These manipulatives can be used throughout all 9 themes.
You have nine theme kits, and each one contains everything you need for four weeks of instruction.

Grab your first kit and let’s unpack it together.

Pull out the Teacher’s Guide first. This is your guide for the theme. Here you’ll find
- plans for each week, including an alignment to the Pre-K Learning Outcomes and vertical alignment to Kindergarten standards;
- detailed lessons;
- daily ideas for small groups and centers; and
- so much more.
Let’s look at the big book next. Each kit has one and it will be great for Story and Circle Time. You even have smaller copies of the book for students to use.

You’ll notice a variety of genres, such as tales, rhymes, and fables.

The Superlibros in Spanish are rich and authentic.

Check out the four trade books next. You have one for each week of the theme. These will make great read alouds and you’ll recognize many of the titles. Use the Talk More About It cards during Story Time to help students build oral language skills. These cards relate to the texts.

The Uno, Dos, Tres: ¡Prekinder! trade books are a balance of translated and adapted text to support various biliteracy teaching models.

Then find your Read More About It! Big Book. You’ll read nonfiction selections aloud each week that relate to the theme and help students build content knowledge.

All of the rich literature is available digitally and in print.

You’ll use the Wordless Experience Book to help students tell their own stories and develop vocabulary, oral expression, and writing.
Activities

Click Next when you are ready to continue.
5x5 Cards

Complete these activities in five minutes or less. The activities are interactive and aligned to the content of the theme. These would be great to use during transition time or to start or end your day.
Vocabulary Cards

Use these great visuals to support your lessons and help students learn the vocabulary related to the theme.
Sing, Rhyme, and Shout

Students will sing, rhyme, and shout along with you. Each week has its own song or rhyme. Use the card each day as a fun, interactive way to engage students and begin your morning meeting. You can even play the songs on Savvas Realize for your students or assign them so students can listen at home.
Theme Manipulatives

Each Theme Kit includes one unique manipulative item to help enhance your instruction.
Work and Play

You’ll notice that students learn through teacher-supported and child-initiated activities.

Students will have skills-based experiences structured around quality literature.

So much great learning will take place as they play with manipulatives, complete fun activities, sing songs, move their bodies, and listen to stories.
Wrap-Up

So, what are your take-aways? You should feel more comfortable with forming and facilitating small groups.

Thanks for joining me and remember to visit MySavvasTraining.com for more myPerspectives tutorials and resources.