

**PLAY AND LEARNING MATERIALS ON THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF EARLY
CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION CHILDREN OF 4-5 YEARS IN KIRERE
PRIMARY SCHOOL, IN KIGUMO SOUTH ZONE, KIGUMO DISTRICT,
MURANG'A COUNTY, KENYA.**

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ABSTRACT

This research proposal contains information about effects of play materials in teaching and learning in the schools in kigumo zone. The research proposal contains three chapters. Chapter one is the introduction which consist of background of the study, statement of the problem, purpose of the study, objectives of the study which include 1. To establish effects of play and learning materials on academic achievement of preschool 2. To determine problems associated with teaching and delivery of services in ecde centres 3. To establish availability and utilization of resources in teaching and learning setting, research questions which include 1. Are there any effects of play and learning materials on academic performance of preschools, 2. What are the problems associated with teaching methods and delivery of services in ecde, significance of the study, delimitation and limitation and theoretical framework. The second chapter contains the introduction, play and learning materials in relation to learning, importance of learning materials for preschools, influence of play and learning materials on academic performance and also the conclusion of chapter two. The third chapter is about the research methodology and it involves introduction of that chapter, research design used, location of the study, target population, sampling technique, research instrument, reliability, validity, data collection which will involve leaving the questionnaires in the ecde centres for them to be filled and then picking them later when questions are well answered, data analysis, logistics and ethics. The research design applied is descriptive survey, the location of the study is focused on kigumo south zone in kigumo district in muranga county, the target population is 5 out of 24 ecde schools which include kirere, Turuturu, Mutunguru, Karega, Githima, data collection used is questionnaires which contain open ended questions, the data is analyzed using frequency and percentage tables. The validity of this research proposal is accurate and meaningful.