



BUILDING BLOCKS

A Newsletter for Teachers Working with Preschool
Educational Equity For All

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KIDSPARKZ

[Theme-a-Pedia](#) - hundreds of printables and activities organized by theme

[Toddler Curriculum](#) - for ages 18 to 36 months (over 1600 pages)

KidSparkz [themed activities packs](#), including the series "[Theme Packs for Preschool](#)". Plus letters, numbers, science, social studies, more...

[Pre-K Theme for a Day Series](#) - a collection of low-cost downloadable mini teaching topics/units that are focused towards preschool and pre-K learners.

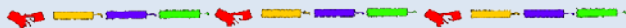
[26 important things to do](#) to encourage the love of reading in early childhood environments

[Creative Art Techniques](#) - 70 open-ended creative art techniques for preschool that can be used for any theme

[Letters for Little Learners - an alphabet curriculum](#)

[Preschool Game-a-Day](#) - a free daily program for moms and children at home

<https://www.kidsparkz.com/news-blog/4-counting-rhymes-for-circle-time>



<https://happyhooligans.ca/>

NO TIME FOR FLASH CARDS

HOW TEACHERS CAN SUPPORT POTTY TRAINING AT PRESCHOOL

Here are some things to remember as you help support potty training at preschool.

1. There is no "right" age for a child to be potty trained.
2. Check in with parents often.
3. Communicate to parents about any signs that the child is ready to potty train.
4. Be patient and express this to the parents.
5. Have [picture books about potty training](#) in your classroom for children to read with you or look through alone.
6. Expect accidents and don't make a big fuss about them.
7. Have extra clothes on hand.
8. Ask children often if they would like to use the potty but never pressure them.
9. Never force a child onto a toilet.
10. Allow children to go to the bathroom with a potty trained friend (and a teacher of course) to see how this potty thing works.
11. Give them time to sit on the toilet even after they have peed, don't hurry the child.
12. Allow parents to take the child to the bathroom at drop off and pick up.
13. Praise all efforts, not just success.

<https://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2017/03/how-teachers-can-support-potty-training-at-preschool.html>



The Professional Association of Childhood Educators, Inc (PACE) is a non-profit, California statewide organization established to advance the profession of childhood education. <http://www.paceca.org/>

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



40+
Sensory Bin
Ideas
for Ages 1-5

Brought to you by Play Create Explore

PlayCreateExplore

<http://playcreateexplore.blogspot.com/p/sensory-bin-stubs-and-activities.html>

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Support Early Science

Learning in the Classroom with PBS KIDS

Webinar: Support Early Science Lea...

Support Early
Science Learning in
the Classroom with
PBS KIDS

Learn about exciting new PBS Kids shows and resources for science learning, gain practical knowledge about selecting and using quality media, and understand ways to partner with your local PBS station to support early learning through media.

<https://www.naeyc.org/events/trainings-webinars/recorded-webinars>



How to Get
Kids to Pay
Attention
During Circle
Time

https://www.pre-kpages.com/circle_time/

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://goo.gl/dDZy4t>

<https://goo.gl/fk7dK6>

<https://teaching2and3yearolds.com/survival-guide-preschool-teachers/>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

[Virginia Early Intervention Professional Development Center](#)

Communication Delays & Disabilities

Developmental delays in expressive or receptive communication are the most common types of delays seen in children who receive early intervention supports and services. Here you will find resources, such as handouts, articles, video clips etc. related to supporting families of young children with communication delays and associated disabilities. Visit the resource landing pad for information about evidence-based practices and topics; online, print, and video resources, and Virginia-specific guidance.

[Landing Pad](#) | [Archived Webinars](#) | [Articles & Handouts](#) | [Tools](#) | [Audio/Visual](#) | [Websites & Programs](#)

http://www.veipd.org/main/sub_communication.html

Why Preschool Small Group Activities are Important

There are many benefits to small group activities in the classroom, for both children and educators. Here are some of the most common reasons early childhood educators incorporate small group time into their curriculum:

- Developmental Growth
- Cooperation
- Encourage Interaction
- Observation
- Interest and Support

<https://www.himama.com/blog/why-preschool-small-group-activities-are-important>



Make calendar time active.

Pre-kindergartners need to move (a lot). So one of our biggest tips for pre-K is to let them wiggle! Incorporate movement into your daily routine, like calendar time. Michelle M. recommends having students jump for each day of the month they count, or have gestures to show the weather (rain movements if it's raining).

<https://goo.gl/wWjKEA>