

BUILDING BLOCKS

A Newsletter for Teachers Working with Preschool
Educational Equity For All

September 2017



Early Education

OPINION: We mustn't make preschool less fun for the 4-year-olds who need more help

How to build academic skills without undermining children's motivation to learn

Young children need to be free to choose and explore on their own. But they also possess a natural curiosity and capacity to learn that, research shows, a skilled educator can harness.

They can learn a great deal about math, literacy and science. Carefully planned activities with clear learning goals and a developmental progression can nurture young children's enthusiasm and motivation for learning.

Since research confirms that these well-crafted and playful learning experiences help children develop important and foundational skills and understandings, why aren't they more common in preschool settings?

<http://hechingerreport.org/opinion-mustnt-make-preschool-less-fun-4-year-olds-need-help/>



Here at Pre-K Pages, you can find hands-on lessons, themes, activities, and printables for preschool, pre-K, and kindergarten classrooms.

Are you ready to teach smarter & save time and get your life back? Receive our ebook Pre-K Teaching Hacks for free when you sign up for our FREE newsletter.



<https://www.pre-kpages.com>

<http://www.pre-kpages.com/the-teaching-tribe/>

10 Tips for a Smooth Back to School Season

1. Take care of yourself
2. Appreciate the Small Things
3. Find a Confidant
4. Build Parent Relationships
5. Develop New Organizational Skills
6. Familiarize Yourself
7. Get to Know the Individual Students
8. Establish Classroom Management
9. Be Realistic
10. Do Your Best

<https://goo.gl/skkFVG>



Jump into Literacy, Math, & Science: Active Learning for Preschool Children

To truly educate the whole child, we must recognize children as thinking, feeling, moving human beings who learn through all their senses. Children need to physically experience concepts to fully understand them. In this webinar, Rae Pica led an exploration of activities that combine children's love of movement and play with meaningful and long-lasting educational experiences in literacy, math, and science.

Watch this recorded session packed with ideas for combining moving and playing with learning! This webinar is designed for early childhood educators and administrators interested in adding active learning to their preschool programs. <http://home.edweb.net/webinar/jump-literacy-math-science-active-learning-preschool-children/>

EDUCATIONAL
EQUITY FOR ALL
..... Giving kids what they need to succeed.

Tana Donaghy, President, Educational Equity For All
Missstanad@educationaequityforall.org; 909-964-5057
<http://www.educationequity4all.com/>

FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



Plan Now,
Registration
opens soon.

<https://goo.gl/uY7ZZe>



CKA presents its 35th Annual
PK1 Conference
For Pre-K, TK, K and 1st Grade Educators
The original conference for teachers by teachers.
January 13-15, 2017
Hyatt Regency Santa Clara

Strategies for Promoting Communication and
Language of Infants and Toddlers
University of Kansas

This manual covers 8 practical strategies for encouraging communication in infants and toddlers, including arranging the environment, responsiveness, commenting and labeling, imitating and expanding, asking open-ended questions, giving praise and positive attention, providing choices, and time delay. <https://goo.gl/Rm3FBd>

[Everyday Child Language Tools](#)

Center on Everyday Child Language Learning (CECLL)
These downloadable handouts include methods and activities practitioners and parents can use to support language learning during everyday activities. Visit the page to find links to the following tools:

- Step-by-Step Guide for Providing Young Children Everyday Language Learning Opportunities
- Identifying Interest-Based Everyday Activities for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers
- Checklist and Guidelines for Identifying Young Children's Interests
- Methods for Increasing Child Participation in Interest-Based Language Learning Activities
- Getting in Step with Responsive Teaching
- Recipes for Success: Active Ingredients for Promoting a Parent's Use of Everyday Child Language Learning Practices
- Checklists for Promoting the Use of Everyday Child Language Learning Activities

http://www.puckett.org/CECLL/ECLLTools_7.pdf

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://goo.gl/jjYFbp>

<https://goo.gl/1VhIH6>

<https://goo.gl/v1DZK8>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



DEC LEARNING DECKS

of the Council for Exceptional Children

DEC Learning Decks are professional development webinars for those who work with, or on behalf of, young children with special needs.

Music to Promote Engagement and Learning for Children with ASD: The What, Why and How

Wednesday, September 13th, 2017

1:00 - 2:00 PM EDT

Facilitators: Potheini Vailouli

Price per Learning Deck

DEC member: \$25 & Nonmember: \$35

<https://goo.gl/m4RLCU>



CBeebies is a pre-school channel for children aged six years and under. CBeebies provides a range of pre-school programming designed to encourage learning through play in a consistently safe environment. The international CBeebies channel is commercial-free and is wholly-owned by BBC Worldwide. The channel's programme schedule consists of the entertaining, trusted and interactive series seen on the UK's own number one children's CBeebies channel, and offers a mix of new and landmark, high-quality programmes to educate and entertain the BBC's youngest audiences.

Many games and activities on the Cbeebies Website can be used by switch users or activated through touch screen devices. <http://us.cbeebies.com/>