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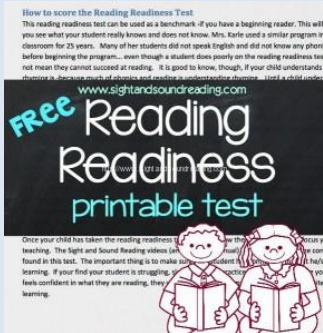
A Newsletter for Teachers Working with Preschool Educational Equity For All

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Reading Readiness Skills

There are many skills that are considered reading readiness skills. All of these skills come together to help your child be able to read. Your child may be able to do some of these reading readiness skills, but not others. We offer many **reading readiness activities** on this site that will help you prepare your child to be ready to read. Some of these skills include:

- Able to repeat a sentence.
- Knows letter names and sounds of upper case and lower case letters
- Recognizes the numbers 1-10
- Knows his name.
- Knows his address and telephone number
- Knows opposites
- Knows colors
- Knows Rhyming
- Can hold a pencil
- Able to trace over lines
- Able to use a scissors and cut.
- Able to retell a story.
- Able to write his name.
- Holds a book correctly.
- Follows Text from left to right.



You can find concrete examples of these reading readiness skills in our [free reading readiness test](http://www.sightandsoundreading.com/reading-readiness/).

<http://www.sightandsoundreading.com/reading-readiness/>



California Early Childhood Online

[HTTP://WWW.CAEARLYCHILDHOODONLINE.ORG/](http://www.caearlychildhoodonline.org/)

Welcome to CECO

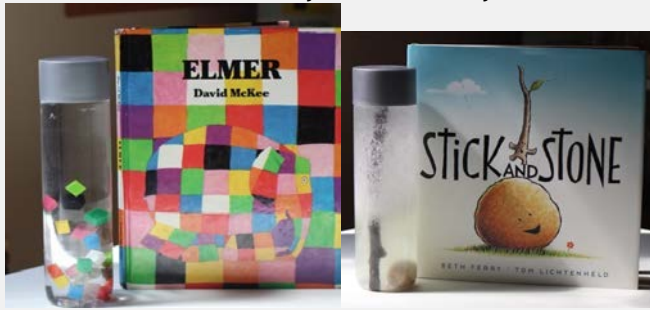
To support early childhood teachers, the California Early Learning and Development System provides an integrated set of resources based on state- of-the-art information for early learning and development and best practices in early education.

The courses provided on the California Early Childhood Online (CECO) Web site enable teachers to increase content knowledge and ability to provide developmentally appropriate experiences for children in their care. Meeting the developmental needs of young children and their families requires a comprehensive approach. CECO provides access to comprehensive resources and courses in one centralized location to meet the ever-changing needs of the early childhood field.



Reporting vs Tattling	
• Purpose to keep someone safe	• To get someone in trouble
• Need help from an adult	• You can solve the problem
• Important	• Unimportant
• Harmful or Dangerous	• Harmless
• Behavior is on purpose	• Behavior is an accident

FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH
Children's Literacy in a Discovery Bottle!



<http://www.teachpreschool.org/2015/04/childrens-book-in-a-bottle/>

7 Secrets of Preschool Teachers

Secret #1: Preschoolers don't have to dawdle.

Secret #2: Kids can handle scissors and pens earlier than you think.

Secret #3: Structure and routine are critical for easy naps.

Secret #4: How you say things is as important as what you say.

Secret #5: Your child wants to get dressed himself.

Secret #6: Taking turns and sharing don't have to be traumatic.

Secret #7: Play may be all the education your preschooler needs.

<http://www.parenting.com/article/7-secrets-of-preschool-teachers>



Grasp Development

Pencil grasp starts to develop at a very early age, around 3 months old.

Terms:

- Radial – Thumb side of the hand
- Digital – Finger or pinkie side of the hand ; can also mean digits as in fingers
- Palmar – Palm side, or inside part of the hand
- Supinate – Palm facing up or forwards
- Pronate – Palm facing down or backwards

Step by step pictures for each stage and names of the different types of grasp.

<http://www.ot-mom-learning-activities.com/pencil-grasp-development.html>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<http://www.cookie.com/>

<http://www.kidsfront.com/>

<http://www.first-school.ws/>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Sesame Street invites you to join a FREE online course for early childhood educators, *Make Believe With Math!*

This interactive course will:

- Highlight the importance of math and pretend play in children's lives
- Explore how a facilitator can integrate "math moments" into children's pretend play
- Offer an interactive learning experience during which educators can connect with others

Join our online learning community! Registration is now open for our August session.

Visit: www.sesamestreet.org/makebelievewithmath to register today!

We're offering the course again from October 1 – October 31. Stay updated by entering your email address below. *Note: You may need to check your spam folder for your registration confirmation email.*



Milk crates zip-tied together on their sides so that a bench seat fits on top and red bins from Lowe's can slide inside them! Great cheap idea!