



BUILDING BLOCKS

A Newsletter for Teachers Working with Preschool Educational Equity For All

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Read It Once Again

Download and enjoy free activities from Read It Once Again. We post a new Free Activity on our website each month. <http://readitonceagain.com/free-activities/>

The Three Bears



The Three Bears – Level 1

Free Activity

'Puzzles for the Bears' activity from Level 1 curriculum unit based on the storybook 'The Three Bears' by Paul Galdone.

The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything



LEVEL 2

The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything – Level 2

'Four Seasons and Me' activity from Level 2 curriculum unit based on the storybook 'The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything' by Linda Williams.

FREE ACTIVITY



Pre-K: Prep for success

With our printables, activities and tips, you can help ensure your child is ready for kindergarten and school routines. Keep your child interested and engaged with k, activities, tips, discussions and videos.

<http://www.leapfrog.com/en-us/learning-path/pre-k>

SMART FROM THE START



Smart From the Start curriculum is a custom program designed to teach children the skills they need to make healthy choices about eating and physical activity. Created to fit within your preschool's existing curriculum, two thematic units – Me and My Choices and Give it a Try! – are organized into 10 days of flexible activities. Days are non-sequential and can be taught individually or as a larger unit.

Use the grab-and-go activities to teach your students to lead an active, healthy lifestyle. [Also available here in Spanish.](http://www.togethercounts.com/sfts/lessons) <http://www.togethercounts.com/sfts/lessons>



ON DEMAND CHILD CARE TRAINING MODULE

Now Available from Penn State Better Kid Care

Learn about wellness for preschoolers, how to integrate Smart from the Start lessons into existing curricula and identify parent engagement ideas for implementation. Eligible for CEU's, accepted for CDA

To access the lesson, you will need to set up an account in the PSU Better Kid Care On Demand system. You can by going to this link:

<https://bkc.vmhost.psu.edu/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=BKC-OnDemand&-loadframes>

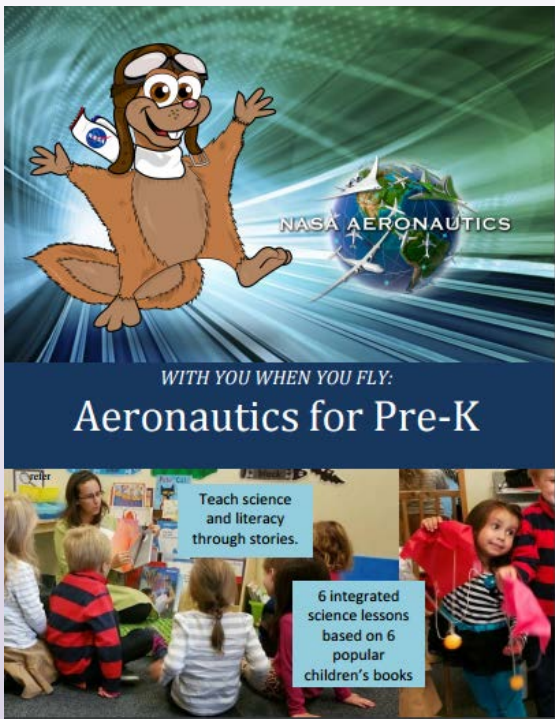
Once you have set up an account, you will have access to all the lesson titles for FREE. Scroll down to the Smart from the Start: Teacher Training for Pre-K Wellness Curriculum module and click on that title.

FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



FREE 5 Little Pumpkins Activity

<http://www.totschooling.net/2016/09/five-little-pumpkins-printable-activity.html>



WITH YOU WHEN YOU FLY: Aeronautics for Pre-K

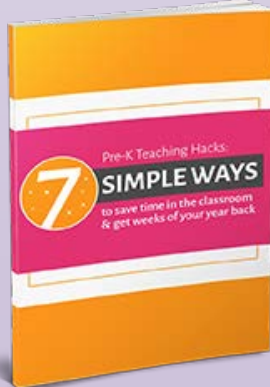
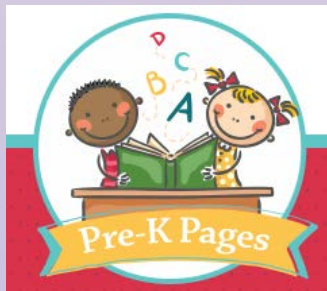
Teach science and literacy through stories.

6 integrated science lessons based on 6 popular children's books

<http://www.aeronautics.nasa.gov/pdf/aero-prek.pdf>



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



Receive my ebook *Pre-K Teaching Hacks* for free when you sign up for our FREE newsletter.

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

- http://southernearlychildhood.org/upload/pdf/Individualizing_Instruction_in_Preschool_Classrooms_Mary_B_Boat_Laurie_A_Dinnebeil_Youlmi_Bae_Volume_38_Issue_1.pdf
- <https://www.naeyc.org/files/yc/file/200903/BTJWatson.pdf>
- <https://mom.me/toddler/6228-teaching-activities-developmentally-delayed-toddlers/>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

Registration for the 2016 Annual Conference is now open! For the greatest savings, register before the Early Bird deadline on September 9th!

NAEYC promotes high-quality early learning for all children, birth through age 8, by connecting practice, policy and research. We advance a diverse, dynamic early childhood profession and support all who care for, educate, and work on behalf of young children.

<http://www.naeyc.org/conference/>



Pre-K Spaces is our room design handbook for preschool environments. This step-by-step guide walks you through the six easy steps to create the best layout and design for a preschool classroom. 28 page booklet



<http://www.communityplaythings.com/resources/literature/pre-k-spaces>