



BUILDING BLOCKS

A Newsletter for Teachers Working with Preschool Educational Equity For All

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50 Tips, Tricks and Ideas for Pre-Kindergarten

Pre-kindergarten classrooms are bright, welcoming, warm, and never dull! Whether you're welcoming your first batch of 4-year-olds or are a seasoned veteran, here are 50 tips, tricks and ideas from the WeAreTeachers Helpline and around the Web to make your pre-kindergarten classroom shine.

<http://www.weareteachers.com/blogs/post/2015/08/20/50-tips-tricks-and-ideas-for-pre-kindergarten>



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



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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



POSITIVE DISCIPLINE: 10 WAYS TO STOP TAKING RECESS AWAY

Kids need movement and sensory input to learn, attend, and regulate their behavior and they get these movement and sensory opportunities at recess.

<http://theinspiredtreehouse.com/positive-discipline-10-ways-to-stop-taking-recess-away/>

9 Signs You Should be Teaching Preschool

Qualities you need to succeed as a preschool teacher

1. You're patient ... really patient
2. You don't know the meaning of 'too enthusiastic'
3. You believe in & encourage others
4. You love to create

Preschool teachers need to be able to balance the needs of parents and children. That means listening to input and including or informing parents of decisions, changes and problems.

5. You understand the needs of both parents & children
6. You are a stickler for organization
7. You know when to be flexible

There are challenges to working with kids, and dedication helps teachers get through bad days as well as good ones.

8. You understand the challenges
9. You are dedicated no matter what

Preschool teachers are committed to kids. They want their students to grow under their care and are rewarded every day as students learn. There are challenges to working with kids, and dedication helps teachers get through bad days as well as good ones.

<http://www.rasmussen.edu/degrees/education/blog/9-signs->

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<http://www.123child.com/act/>

<http://www.realsimple.com/work-life/family/kids-parenting/teachers-tips-handle-children>

<http://www.oregonlive.com/kiddo/index.ssf/2013/11/when-preschoolers-act-out-tips.html>



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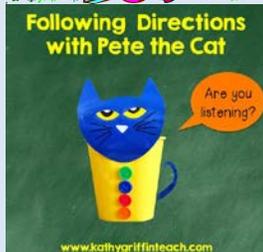
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file:///C:/Users/misst_000/Documents/Downloads/Tips-for-PreK-Teachers.pdf



<http://kathygriffinteach.blogspot.com/2014/08/following-directions-with-pete-cat.html>