



BUILDING BLOCKS

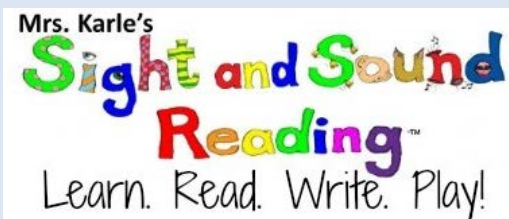
A Newsletter for Teachers Working with Preschool
Educational Equity For All

August 2015

Welcome Back to School,

We are gearing up for a great year. So many new things are happening in the field of early childhood.

I hope you have a wonderful year. These newsletters are here to give you encouragement and support. Please share them and if you have an idea send it in and I'll be happy to include it. Thank you for your interest and the work you do.



Reading Readiness

Did you know that one sign of [reading readiness](#) is that a child knows how to identify his/her colors? In many ways, it is quite difficult to teach a child colors. The child either can recognize the difference in colors, or they don't see any difference. Until the child's brain is ready to see the differences, you cannot really get him to understand. One day it just clicks and the child can see colors.

<http://www.sightandsoundreading.com/preschool-color-activities/>



Teaching Our Youngest

A Guide for Preschool Teachers and Child Care and Family Providers

"Teaching Our Youngest: A Guide for Preschool Teachers, Childcare, and Family Providers". It draws from scientifically based research about what preschool teachers and childcare providers can do to help children develop their language abilities, increase their knowledge, become familiar with books and other printed materials, learn letters and sounds, recognize numbers and learn to count.

Table of Contents

1. Title Page
2. Acknowledgments
3. Introduction
4. Creating a Learning Environment for Young Children
5. Reading Aloud to Children
6. Developing Listening and Speaking Skills
7. Teaching About the Sounds of Spoken Language
8. Teaching about Print
9. Teaching about Books
10. Teaching about Letters
11. Building Children's Background Knowledge and Thinking Skills
12. Teaching about Numbers and Counting
13. Checking Children's Progress
14. Communicating with Parents and Caregivers
15. Some Helpful Terms to Know
16. Suggested Reading
17. 7 Super Things Parents and Caregivers Can Do Bookmark
18. 7 cosas geniales que los padres y los cuidadores pueden hacer Bookmark

[Http://www2.ed.gov/teachers/how/early/teachingouryoungest/index.html?exp=1](http://www2.ed.gov/teachers/how/early/teachingouryoungest/index.html?exp=1)

FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



Soft Sensory Shapes (Set of 6)

Soft and squeezable, these fun shapes with their knobby surface will stimulate the senses as children squeeze the pliable material in their hands. Shapes include a rectangle, square, pyramid, cone, cylinder and sphere.

<https://www.kaplanco.com/product/32018/soft-sensory-shapes-set-of-6?c=24IT1035>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<http://pbskids.org/clifford/index-puppy-flash.html>
<http://www.drjean.org/>
http://www.littlecritter.com/places_to_go.html



Professional Development Tools For Early Childhood Educators.



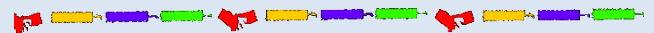
CompSAT

CompSAT puts practical self-reflection and assessment and tools into your hands to help you assess your knowledge, skills, and dispositions in the 12 California ECE Competencies.

<http://ececampsat.org/>

An Introduction to Early Childhood Educator Competencies

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qH24T8qE9Ds&feature=youtu.be>



Typical Fine Motor Developmental Milestones for Ages 0-6



**** FREE **** Printable for Typical Fine Motor Developmental Milestones for Ages 0-6. Get your copy of "Typical Fine Motor Developmental Milestones for Ages 0-6" Printable.

<http://www.growinghandsonkids.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/Typical-Fine-Motor-Development-Graphic.jpg?2e86aa>

Found on themeasuredmom.com



Counting to 10 Transportation Free Printable



Found on frugalhomeschoolfamily.com



Early Childhood Special Education: A Thoughtful Approach



Adapting Books to Support Communication and Interaction



http://www.bloglovin.com/blogs/considerate-classroom-early-childhood-special-10099413?post=4441711841&group=0&frame_type=b&context=blog_profile&context_ids=&blog=10099413&frame=1&click=0&user=0&viewer=true

Subscribe to Considerate Classroom: Early Childhood Special Education Edition



Hosted by: *-RainbowsWithinReach-*
Found on rainbowswithinreach.blogspot.com

Pinterest Directory for Educators Working with Children with Special Needs. Supports for Children with Special Needs