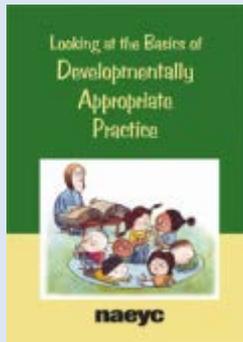


# BUILDING BLOCKS

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## LOOKING AT THE BASICS OF DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE PRACTICE (DVD)

The basic concepts of  
developmentally appropriate

practice aren't difficult or arcane, but they can be understood wrongly or incompletely—and often are! This resource articulates and illustrates the core concepts in simple, memorable ways, including classroom examples and other techniques.



### 10 Effective DAP Teaching Strategies

1. Acknowledge what children do or say.
2. Encourage persistence and effort rather than just praising and evaluating what the child has done.
3. Give specific feedback rather than general comments.
4. Model attitudes, ways of approaching problems, and behavior toward others, showing children rather than just telling them
5. Demonstrate the correct way to do something.
6. Create or add challenge so that a task goes a bit beyond what the children can already do.
7. Ask questions that provoke children's thinking.
8. Give assistance (such as a cue or hint) to help children work on the edge of their current competence
9. Provide information, directly giving children facts, verbal labels, and other information.
10. Give directions for children's action or behavior.

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<https://www.naeyc.org/dap/10-effective-dap-teaching-strategies>

## In-Sync Child

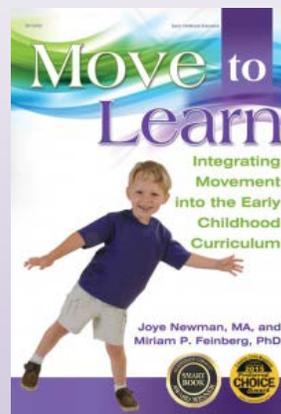


### The In-Sync Philosophy

Sensory-motor, perceptual-motor, and visual skills lay the foundation for early motor development, one of the most important factors in a child's overall success. Moving is the only way to acquire these skills.

Move to Learn: Integrating  
Movement into the Early  
Childhood Curriculum  
(Gryphon House, 2015)

When we imagine happy young children, we picture exuberant and unbridled movement. Movement is not only natural, but it is necessary for optimal physical, cognitive, emotional, and social development.



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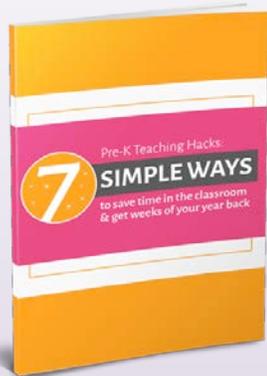
### Section 8: A Tune and a Tip for Every Transition

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## Behavior Management in the Preschool Years

### Environmental Effect on Behavior Management

The [physical environment](#) must not be too cluttered, too bright, too noisy, or too stimulating, but must be stimulating enough. The [social](#) and [emotional](#) environment must be nurturing and respectful of children, their families and their culture. <http://www.the-preschool-professor.com/behavior-management.html>

## WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

Creating Inclusive Supports for Young Children

<https://goo.gl/kSfDke>

Using Classroom Management to Improve Preschoolers' Social and Emotional Skills

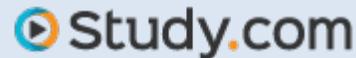
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Early Childhood Classroom Management Using Research and Evidenced-Based Strategies

<https://goo.gl/kqv4Dy>



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



### Preschool Classroom Management Strategies

Chapter 4 / Lesson 18 [Transcript](#)



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<http://study.com/academy/lesson/preschool-classroom-management-strategies.html>

## 6 Quick Classroom Tips for Engaging Preschoolers

1. Be extremely prepared.
2. Use a consistent attention-getting cue.
3. Teach with enthusiasm.
4. Involve the children.
5. Keep it short and use variety.
6. Give the scraggly children a role.

<http://ministry-to-children.com/preschool-classroom-management/>