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A Newsletter for Teachers Working with Infant, Toddler and Preschool Educational Equity For All

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A simple list of fine motor activities

- Picking up small objects with the thumb and forefinger
- Cutting with scissors
- Writing and pencil control
- Buttoning clothing and working a zipper
- Using play dough in various ways
- Playing with building toys like lego

Playdough Fine Motor Skills

1. [Homemade Playdough Recipe plus Tools for Play](#) – This is our favorite homemade playdough recipe and some of the tools we keep as staples.
2. [How Play Dough Can be One of the Best Teaching Tools](#) – Another article full of ideas to use playdough as a feature in teaching younger kids.
3. [Amazing 2 Ingredient Homemade Edible Play Dough](#) – have a kid who wants to put things in their mouth? Try this dough instead.
4. [Chocolate Oat Cookies turned Edible Play Dough](#)
5. [Fine Motor Skills with Pasta and Play Dough](#)
5. [Exploring Play Dough with Different Effects](#)
7. [Caterpillar to Butterfly with Play Dough](#) – This is an example of using a child's interest to create activities
3. [Learning Emotions With Face Playdough Mats](#)
3. [Printable Playdough Number Mats](#)
10. [Rainbow Playdough Counting and Fine Motor Activity](#)
11. [Make a Rainbow with Playdough Printable](#)
12. [Playdough Scene Creation](#)
13. [Expand Playdough play with other Toys](#)
14. [Loose Parts & Playdough](#) – Loose parts allow for open expression and creation.
15. [Dinosaur Weekend with Playdough and More](#) – Use plastic animals with playdough!

https://www.powerfulmothering.com/fine-motor-skills-for-toddler-preschool/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=50-easy-and-fun-toddler-activities-and-printables_125

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



PAPER SNAIL CRAFT: FUN
STACKING SNAILS FOR KIDS TO
PLAY WITH

<https://kidscraftroom.com/paper-snail-craft/>



Heggerty

PHONEMIC AWARENESS CURRICULUM
by Literacy Resources, LLC

Heggerty Phonemic Awareness curriculum is available in English and Spanish Pre-K, Kindergarten and Primary

Phonemic awareness is a skill that is essential to teaching students to be automatic decoders of print. The Heggerty Phonemic Awareness curriculum provides students with consistent and repeated instruction, and this transfers to developing a student's decoding and encoding skills. In response to COVID-19 we are offering free support videos and lesson plans to assist with remote learning.

Hearing and recognizing words that rhyme is a key skill to your child developing an understanding of sounds. Rhyme games can be fun to play! <https://www.heggerty.org/phonemic-awareness-curriculum/english-pre-kindergarten-phonemic-awareness-curriculum>



These activity ideas are perfect for your Zoom preschool class. They are focused on teaching preschoolers in fun ways that encourage social connection and engagement. Moving your normal classroom activities, like circle time, to Zoom can be a comforting ritual for teachers, preschoolers, and parents.

Do Art Together
Virtual Story Time
Science Experiments
Class Show and Tell
Cooking With Teacher

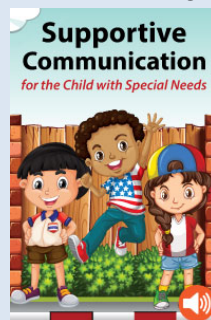
<https://www.ishmom.com/using-zoom-for-preschool/>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

t.ly/szEm
<https://www.ed.gov/early-learning/resources>
<http://noodleloafshow.com/>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Supportive Communication for the Child with Special Needs

[Supportive Communication for the Child with Special Needs](https://www.pdresources.org/course/index/6/1309/Supportive-Communication-for-the-Child-with-Special-Needs) is a 1-hour **audio** continuing education (CE) course that provides practical tips for helping parents to

communicate with their child who has special needs.
<https://www.pdresources.org/course/index/6/1309/Supportive-Communication-for-the-Child-with-Special-Needs>



Little Stories for Tiny People is a children's podcast featuring original audio stories that will delight the tiny people in your life. Perfect for bleary-eyed parents, innovative teachers, and at-wits'-end babysitters looking for an alternative and non-annoying way to engage the toddlers and young kids they love at bedtime or any time! Each story is lovingly written and performed with attention to the whimsical senses of humor children often possess. Make sure you are [subscribed](https://www.littlestoriestinypeople.com) so you never miss an episode.

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