

BUILDING BLOCKS

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



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1. Use felt scraps for dry erase lapboard erasers.
2. Remove permanent marker with a dry erase marker.
3. Keep markers upside down.
4. Wet your dried out markers.
5. Dry erase marker caps make perfect game pieces.
6. Keep a pile of roster lists.
7. Keep track of who had a turn.
8. Add vaseline to your glue caps.
9. Take a playground basket to recess.
10. Use mesh bags for washing manipulatives.
11. Dye your own craft sticks.
12. Put sandwich bags in your paint cups.

<https://www.prekinders.com/favorite-tips-teachers/>

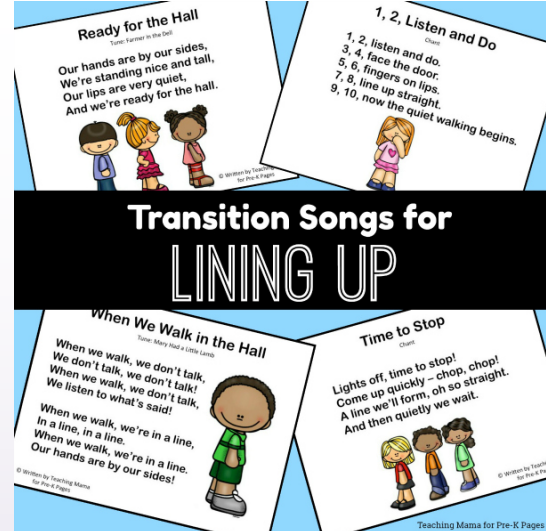


Learning the
Alphabet The Complete
Guide

Everything you need to
effectively teach the
alphabet and help your
child to build a strong

reading and writing foundation. *Increase your child's
learning progress today!* www.myteachingstation.com

TRANSITION SONGS FOR LINING UP IN PRE-K



The songs used in this free printable are either rhythmic chants or songs set to familiar tunes. You don't need to be an amazing singer to sing these with your class!

Start by singing the tune to your class and teaching them the simple words. As you teach transitions to your students, make sure to praise children when you notice them singing or chanting along. You can download this free printable here: [Lining Up Transitions Printable](#).



<https://teachbesideme.com/ultimate-list-of-free-preschool-curriculum-resources/>

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..... Giving kids what they need to succeed.

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



Finding a [story book](#) that shares [STEM concepts](#) in it can be such fun. One of our new favorite this fall is the book [Ten Apples Up on Top!](#) by Dr. Seuss our featured book of the week for the

[Weekly Virtual Book Club for Kids](#) For additional Apple Themed Books [Click](#)

[Here](#) <https://theeducatorsspinonit.com/stacking-apples-game-for-kids/>



Resources for a fresh school year:

-> [Pencil Control Resources](#) can be just the thing to make handwriting easier.

-> In fact, check out these strategies and guides for addressing common [Handwriting Problems](#).

-> Use these creative [Handwriting Activities](#) to work on the skills kids need for improved handwriting. While you're there, grab the printable handwriting handouts to pass out to parents, teachers, and administrators this school year.

-> If fine motor skills are an issue, try these [Fine Motor Activities](#).

-> Executive functioning skills are an area we work on with all ages! Try these [EF activities](#). More coming soon!

-> Visual motor skills play a part in everything from handwriting, to reading, to playing sports! These [visual motor activities](#) should make a big difference.

-> Need support and ideas for addressing handwriting concerns? Join the [Sweet Ideas for Handwriting Help Facebook Group!](#)

-> Bilateral coordination and crossing midline play a big part in development and occupation-centered activities. Try some of these [bilateral coordination ideas](#) to focus on this area.

-> If you are looking for new ideas to address sensory needs, these [sensory play ideas](#) can make an impact in addressing sensory needs.

-> Crafts can be just the way to sneak in strategies while working on underlying skills. Try these [craft ideas for therapists](#).

-> And finally, these [Occupational Therapy Activities](#) are ideas that may help in addressing the needs of kids you have on your caseload.

<https://www.theotttoolbox.com/>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://goo.gl/pTGdFZ>

<https://www.kidsparkz.com/>

<https://goo.gl/zZtDmY>



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Wednesday, September 19th, 2018, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST <https://goo.gl/nRcEnh>

Writing Functional Outcomes as an IFSP Team
Thursday, November 29th, 2018, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM EST <https://goo.gl/xxBFcC>

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\$35 for Non-Members

 PreSchoolTeacher.org

4 Ways to Nurture the Parent-Teacher Relationship (While Still Maintaining Boundaries)

- 1 -Ditch the progress reports and take the time for meaningful conversations
- 2 – Let parents know the important role they play in their child's education
- 3 – Give parents an opportunity to participate in the classroom experience.
- 4 – Use a newsletter to keep all your kids' parents up-to-date on what's happening in the classroom.

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