



# BUILDING BLOCKS

## A Newsletter for Teachers Working with Preschool Educational Equity For All

October 2015



### Off to a Good Start

This lesson planning handbook was designed for teachers new to Georgia's pre-k; however, it is a resource that all teachers are encouraged to use. Inside you'll find 12 weeks of comprehensive lesson plans, including developmentally appropriate activities and strategies for future planning. Specific sections are provided that give guidance regarding assessment and setting up small groups, as well as ideas for books, songs and transitions. You can find suggestions for use inside the off to a good start handbook

#### Handbook

[Off to a Good Start Handbook](#)

[Off to a Good Start Weeks 1 - 3](#)

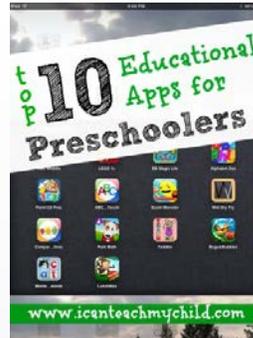
[Off to a Good Start Weeks 4 - 6](#)

[Off to a Good Start Weeks 7 - 9](#)

[Off to a Good Start Weeks 10 - 12](#)

**Printable resources:** Story Symbols, Nursery Rhyme Pictures, Shoe Pattern Cards, Shoe Word Cards, Nursery Rhyme Go-Together Cards, Hey Diddle Diddle Sequence Cards, Feed Me Rhymes, Rhyming Cube

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/prek/offtoagoodstart.aspx>



<http://www.icanteachmychild.com/the-10-best-iphoneipad-apps-for-preschoolers/>



Here is a fun way to introduce schedule training.



### View the Alphabet Videos for Free



Each alphabet video teaches:

- \* Letter sounds
- \* Consonants
- \* Vowels
- \* Vocabulary words using each letter
- \* Uppercase and lowercase handwriting skills.

<http://www.havefunteaching.com/videos/alphabet-videos/>

## FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



### Learning Resources Primary Science Lab Set

- Science kit
- Real science for little hands
- Includes 10 double sided activity cards

- Includes beaker, magnifying glass, funnel, eyedropper, flask, tweezers, goodles, large 6" test tube and stand, 2 small test tubes

- Activity guide included

[http://www.amazon.com/Learning-Resources-Primary-Science-Lab/dp/B0035EQDTU/ref=zg\\_bs\\_251929011\\_63](http://www.amazon.com/Learning-Resources-Primary-Science-Lab/dp/B0035EQDTU/ref=zg_bs_251929011_63)



## HEAD START

An Office of the Administration for Children and Families  
Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center (ECLKC)

### News You Can Use: Transitions

The News You Can Use e-newsletter supports teachers, home visitors, and parents in providing quality care for infants and toddlers. This issue of the e-newsletter offers ideas for supporting the many kinds of transitions children and adults experience in Early Head Start.

- Transitions
- Individualizing Transitions
- When Transitions are Challenging
- Coming and Going
- Conclusion

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/ehsnrc/cde/curriculum/NewsYouCanUse.htm>

### Building an effective preschool math program

**Making math real** by teaching it in the context of preschoolers' everyday lives--at school, at home, and in the community. **Teaching the many aspects of math:** "number sense," geometry (patterns and shapes), measurement, the language of math, and spatial relations.

**Teaching math across the curriculum** rather than as an isolated subject. Blend math concepts into language arts, music, art, and science projects. **Observing, documenting and sharing progress** about individual students' math competency and challenges with their parents. **Individualizing math instruction to students' needs**, building on what they already know.

Find out if the math program and materials you use are **based on peer-reviewed research that has proven to be effective.**

<http://www.getreadytoread.org/early-learning-childhood-basics/early-math/preschool-math-grows-up-tips-for-teachers>

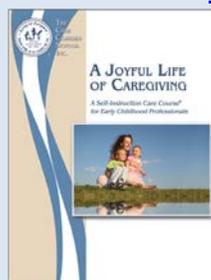
## WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<http://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc/>  
<http://www.sproutonline.com/>  
<http://www.webkinzjr.com/>



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

<http://www.carecourses.com/Ecommerce/CourseDetail.aspx?ItemID=102>



A Joyful Life of Caregiving  
Course Description:

This 1/2 clock hour short, fun child care training course suggests many ways to have great days, joyful for you and the children.

A Joyful Life of Caregiving includes lots of ideas to get your creative juices flowing. We really enjoyed creating this course as we brain-stormed ways to help caregivers relax and invigorate days of providing care to children.

This course is also an excellent introduction to Care Courses, and will help you understand our online system and course process.

Most Care Courses are offered in both book (with online testing) and fully online format. A Joyful Life of Caregiving is only offered in our fully online format. Once your order is complete, you should receive an enrollment code email within 2-10 minutes. Use this enrollment code to activate your course within the "My Courses" area of your online Care Courses account.

## National Sensory Awareness Month



October is a great time for sensory activities with those amazing pumpkins.

