

BUILDING BLOCKS

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



PEAT's Suite

Peat's suite is a comprehensive package of materials that helps service providers (educators, home visitors, therapists, etc.), families, and other stakeholders support the participation of young children with differing abilities in typical routines and activities. The acronym peat stands for physical environment and assistive tools.

Peat approach is designed to help address any barriers children may have when participating in their daily routines and activities. It helps families and professionals plan to identify and use physical environment features and assistive tools that promote a child's participation.

<http://www.dec-sped.org/product-page/peat-s-suite>



Free Letter "A" Unit

<https://teachwithgiggles.com/product/free-letter-a-unit/>

- individual letter book
- individual letter book, classroom set format
- color book
- color book, classroom set format
- number book (to 20, if no number book is included, extra science or social studies book is included)
- number book, classroom set format
- extra social studies, math or science book
- extra social studies, math or science book, classroom set format
- handwriting worksheet
- teacher story that focuses on a value
- audio to teacher story
- teacher story written at child's reading level
- listening worksheet
- word chunk activity unit
 - word chunk book
 - work chunk book, classroom set format
 - handwriting worksheet
 - matching worksheet
 - word chunk story
 - word chunk story, classroom set format

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IEL Tip Sheets are easy-to-read, one-page resources on a variety of topics of interest to parents and teachers of young children.

Tip Sheets by Topic

- [Language Arts](#)
- [Mathematics](#)
- [Science](#)
- [Social Studies](#)
- [Physical Development and Health](#)
- [The Arts](#)
- [English Language Learner Home Language Development](#)
- [Social/Emotional Development](#)
- [Parenting & Family Life](#)
- [Technology and Media](#)
- [Across the Curriculum](#)

<https://illinoisearlylearning.org/tipsheets/tipsheets-topic/>



PUMPKIN MOON SAND RECIPE



- 4 cups of play sand
- 2 cups of corn starch
- 1-3 cups of water
- 1 tsp of pumpkin pie spice

Optional: orange food coloring, liquid watercolors, or powdered paint.

<http://www.growingajeweledrose.com/2013/09/pumpkin-moon-sand-recipe.html>

FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



<https://preschoolsteam.com/5-little-pumpkins-preschool-stem-activities/>

Story Sacks Literacy Activities

What's a story sack?

A story sack is a large cloth bag with a favorite children's book and supporting materials.

Why are story sacks useful?

Making filled story sacks with your child can help to make reading meaningful and fun.

Other story sack benefits include:

- stimulating language development
- making reading more memorable

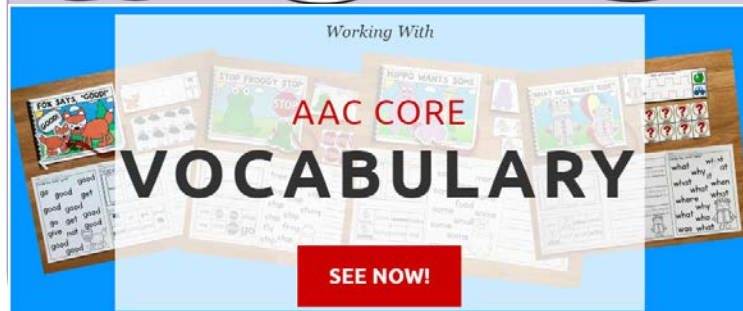
Our story sack guide

This guide contains:

- general instructions on how to make and use story sacks
- two story sack ideas with step by step instructions based on The Three Little Pigs and We're Going On A Bear Hunt.

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File Folder Heaven



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

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://preschoolinspirations.com/>

<https://goo.gl/aqj7Lw>

<https://fun-a-day.com/category/playful-learning/>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Frog Street's Early Childhood Webinars

The early childhood learning solutions community provides free webinars, presented by experts, industry leaders and educators, that will help early childhood teachers enhance their lessons and classrooms to improve their work with young learners. Educators receive a certificate for attending the live webinars or viewing the recording. The community hosts online discussions that make it easy for educators to stay connected over time with fellow educators to share ideas, practices, examples, lesson plans, and resources.

<http://www.frogstreet.com/frog-streets-early-childhood-webinars/>

PUPPET CENTER



Benefits of a Puppet Center

The benefits of using puppets in the classroom include:
Oral Language,
Social Emotional Skills, Music, Motor Skills, Behavior, Retelling



https://www.pre-kpages.com/puppet_center/