



# BUILDING BLOCKS

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

April 2017

### NO TIME FOR FLASH CARDS

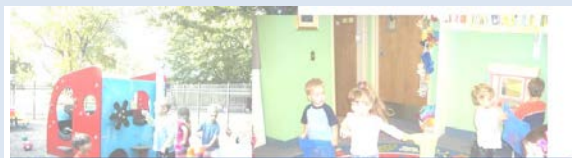
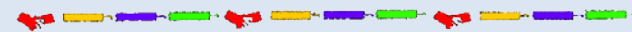
Circle time lessons, free choice activities, how to make your own materials, printables and more can be found in our for teachers category.



#### Five Little Jelly Beans Preschool Fingerplay



<http://www.notimeforflashcards.com/category/teaching-preschool>



#### Students with Special Needs in the Preschool Classroom



<http://www.center4atexcellence.com/documents/studentswithspecialneedsinthepreschoolclassroom1.pdf>



### GELDS Teacher Toolbox

The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) in conjunction with Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE), Georgia Department of Public Health/Babies Can't Wait (BCW), and Early Childhood Educators developed the GELDS Teacher Toolbox as a resource to accompany the Georgia Early Learning and Developmental Standards (GELDS).

The Toolbox includes indicator specific activities, as well as, ideas for adaptations and modifications to meet the needs of all children in various preschool settings.

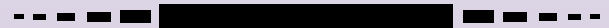
[Pack 1: 00-24 Months](#)

[Pack 2: 24-36 Months](#)

[Pack 3: 36-48 Months](#)

[Pack 4: 48-60 Months](#)

There are really great ideas in here that correspond to many of our California Preschool Learning Foundations and the SEACO Supplement.



#### Easy-to-learn Social Skills Song for Children with Special Needs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNEGIoX6Mho&t=21s>

### Good-Bye Song

#### Social Skills Addressed:

1. Farewells
2. Eye Contact
3. Peer Interaction
4. Joint Attention

## FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



Early Childhood Special Education  
[Birth-to-5 Newsletters](#)

All files below are in PDF format.

- [Newsletter-Vol 13 #2: Play is How a Child Learns Best](#)  
[Spanish Version](#)
- [Newsletter-Vol 13 #3: Turning Libraries into Family Centers: The Hidden Treasures!](#)  
[Spanish Version](#)
- [Newsletter-Vol 12 #1: Children's Oral Health: When to Start and What to do!](#)  
[Spanish Version](#)
- [Newsletter-Vol 11 #7: Facing Disability Together: Families are More than Moms and Dads](#)  
[Spanish Version](#)
- [Newsletter-Vol 11 #6: Early Learning Guidelines Support Children's Development](#)  
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- [Newsletter-Vol 11 #5: The S.A.N.E. Approach to Sleep](#)  
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- [Newsletter-Vol 11 #4: Creating Inclusive Environments for Young Children](#)  
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- [Newsletter-Vol 11 #3: Assessments and Young Children](#)  
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- [Newsletter-Vol 11 #2: Teamwork and Child's Play](#)  
[Spanish Version](#)

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&q=320750#birth>

## WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

[www.playdoughtoplato.com/preschool-activities/](http://www.playdoughtoplato.com/preschool-activities/)  
[www.bestbeginningsalaska.org/activities-resources/early-learning-materials/in-english/preschoolers](http://www.bestbeginningsalaska.org/activities-resources/early-learning-materials/in-english/preschoolers)  
<https://goo.gl/fx40yv>



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute



THE UNIVERSITY  
of NORTH CAROLINA  
at CHAPEL HILL

#### CONNECT Courses

Welcome to CONNECT Courses! This series of eight self-paced and self-guided courses uses an approach that focuses on and responds to the challenges faced each day by those working with young children and their families in a variety of learning environments and inclusive settings.

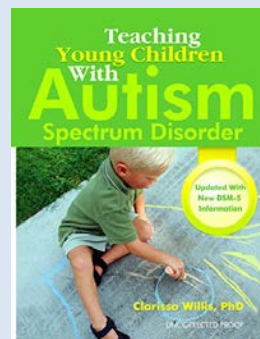
#### About CONNECT Courses

Each course integrates CONNECT Modules' rich content and innovative 5-Step Learning Cycle with an engaging and interactive approach to online learning.

Learn about specific research-based practices through real life dilemmas, video demonstrations, discussions with other learners, quizzes, and much more.

Now Available: the free introductory Foundations of Inclusion course, as well as 7 low-cost, CEU-granting courses. All are self-paced.

<http://connect.fpg.unc.edu/connect-courses>



Teaching Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder Kindle Edition  
by [Clarissa Willis](#)

Teaching Young Children With Autism Spectrum Disorder is a straightforward, easy-to-understand guide to working with children who have autism.

It explains the major characteristics associated with autism and helps teachers understand the ways children with autism relate to the world.