

BUILDING BLOCKS

A Newsletter for Teachers Working with Preschool
Educational Equity For All

October 2017



TIPS FOR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROVIDERS

Simple Concepts to Embed in Everyday Routines

Each tip describes a concept, why the concept is important, and a step-by-step description of how to work these simple concepts into everyday routines.

The concepts include: • Engaging Children in Play • Using Children's Interests in Activities • Promoting Child Participation with a Shared Agenda • Using Visual Cues to Make Choices • Playing Together with Objects: Practicing Joint Attention • Learning Words During Joint Attention • Book Sharing • Uncovering Learning Potential • Peer-Mediated Support: Teaching Children to Play with Each Other • Predictable Spaces • Predictable Routines • Distracting and Redirecting Children to Engage in Appropriate Behavior

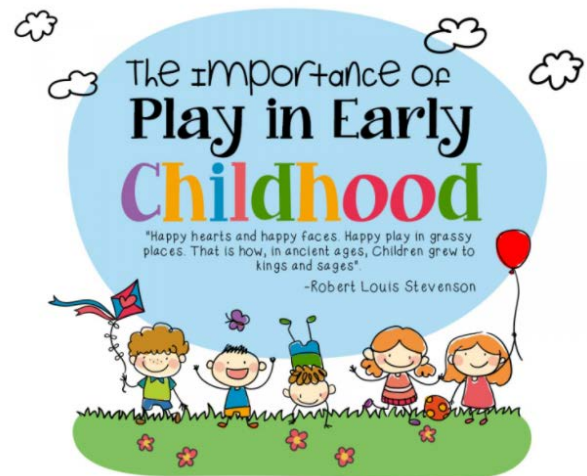
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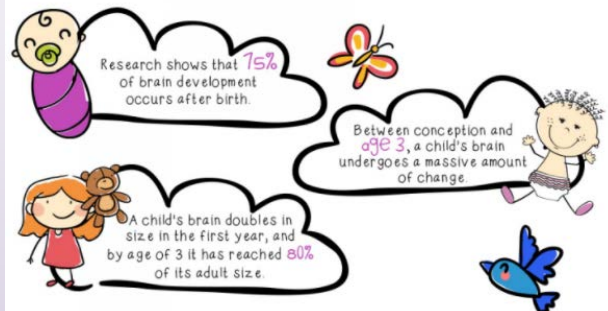
DIY in the Classroom

Preschool is a time for exploration of the world through the medium of play. This blogger has some wonderful DIY ideas to engage students in doing their own explorations. Remember that ALL students should have this experience. Check out the "World of AT newsletter" for access ideas.

<https://www.teachpreschool.org/in-the-classroom-2/diy-in-the-classroom/>



KEY POINTS



- Role of Play in Development
- Stages of Play
- What is real play?
- Supporting Play

<http://www.nourishbaby.com.au/the-importance-of-play/>



With a chill in the air and the leaves beginning to change, it's time to welcome Fall, Halloween, and Thanksgiving into your classroom!
<http://www.discountschoolsupply.com/community/MyCommunityResources.aspx>

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



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what we believe in: play, sharing, fun, quality, health, development, imagination, books, helping, individuality, relationships, movement, cooperation, success, responsibility, variety, music, families, independence, professionalism, practice, curiosity, opportunity, growing, intention, well-being, hands-on, safety, art, acceptance, gentleness, trying

what we teach: creativity, exploration, kindness, nutrition, interest, counting, curiosity, self-help skills, manners, language, diversity, problem solving, numbers, thinking, colors, shapes, persistence, alphabet, skills, friendship, science, ideas, love of learning, confidence, honesty

what we do: care, help, plan, correct, play, prepare, inspire, encourage, educate, recognize and meet needs, coordinate, explain, create, respond, implement, feed, dance, build, find, understand, guide, support, model, read, hug, rhyme, celebrate

what we give: time, energy, love, concern, experience, care, skills, resources,

everything

<http://www.thingstoshareandremember.com/early-childhood-educators-teach-and-care-printable-poster/>



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WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://www.aft.org/green-cleaning-early-childhood-educators>

<https://www.prekinders.com/calendar-in-pre-k/>

<https://www.prekinders.com/diy-classroom-furniture/>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



<https://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.org/presentations/>
11/ 4/2017

2:00 PM Eastern Time

Social Skills and Autism: Using Books in Creative Ways to Reach and Teach in Early Education, by Mary Jane Weiss and Cheri Meiners

10/11/2017

2:00 PM Eastern Time

Challenging Behavior: Directors and Teachers Working with Families and Other Experts, by Barbara Kaiser

Virginia Early Intervention Professional Development Center



- Online Modules
- Videos
- Mini Lessons

October Talks on Tuesdays Webinar

Title: Using Augmentative and Alternative Communication in Early Intervention (Part II): More Myths Debunked and Strategies

Presenters: Cary G. Hastings, M.Ed., CCC-SLP
Meghan Reitz, M.Ed., CCC-SLP

Date: October 3rd, 2017

Time: Noon - 1:00 p.m. EST

<http://www.veipd.org/main/index.html>

Classroom Project: Crate Bench Tutorial



You'll need:

- 3 Crates
- 2" Foam
- 2 yards of fabric
- Zip Ties
- & not pictured: Hot Glue Gun & a lot of hot glue sticks

<https://goo.gl/EBWjRP>