

HUGE RESOURCE LIST TO INSPIRE OUR WORK!!
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MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES

www.addall.com --a way to order books at the LEAST cost when you know a specific book you would like!

<http://folkmanis.com> --the BEST place to get puppets and will sell to centers wholesale

<http://www.wnba.com> --follow women's sports---ask Jacky for a copy of NCAA plans and/or WNBA plans next season!

<http://www.ted.com> --a variety of inspirational talks on MANY topics

<http://www.officeplayground.com/> --resources for anti-stress children and adults CLOSING THIS MONTH!!
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<http://www.ecetrainers.com/> --Margie Carter/Deb Curtis website

<http://www.rosevillecp.org/> --the way to find connections to the late Bev Bos' work

<http://www.simpletruths.com/>--inspirational books of quotes/stories

<http://www.inspiredteaching.org/>--DC school/training for inspired teachers

<http://www.azspire.com/>--Jacky Howell's website—being updated and returning SOON!!

<http://www.values.com/>--inspirational quotes and resources

<http://www.redleafpress.org/>--book resources

<https://www.gryphonhouse.com/home/home-v1>--book resources

<http://www.nifplay.org/> --Nat'l Institute for Play

<http://www.childcareexchange.com/>--Join the free "ExchangeEveryDay"—an electronic newsletter with quotes and information

<https://www.naeyc.org/> --largest early childhood professional organization, conferences and more!

<http://www.allianceforchildhood.org/> --The Alliance for Childhood promotes policies and practices that support children's healthy development, love of learning, and joy in living.

www.explorationsearlylearning.com --Jeff Johnson's *Let Them Play* website of resources

<http://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com/> amazing FREE webinars on a variety of topics with certificates!

<https://www.edutopia.org/> --George Lucas educational foundation, resources, articles and more!

CREATIVITY/THE ARTS/BOOKS/MUSIC

<http://littlefingersplay.blogspot.com/> --songs and fingerplays blog

<http://people.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/> --children's literature web guide

<http://www.childrensmusic.org/> --resources for free children's music

<http://www.storyarts.org/> --storytelling in the classroom

<http://freekidsmusic.com/> --more free music for children

<http://www.sagecraft.com/puppetry/building/index.html> --ideas for making puppets

<http://www.ooeygoeey.com/> --the ooey goeey lady's resources for arts/creativity

<http://www.tomhunter.com/> --music resources from an inspirational man, Tom Hunter

<http://amomwithalessonplan.com/category/abcs-of-storytelling/>--ABC resources to tell stories

<http://www.albertwhitman.com/> --children's books

<http://www.illuminate.com/> --children's books

<http://www.k-12music.org> --lots of music resources

<http://www.songsforteaching.com/index.html> --music for curriculum topics

<http://www.aneverydaystory.com/> --project based and Reggio inspired living and learning

<http://www.mylittlebookcase.com.au/> --ideas for books and activities with children

http://www.wessland.com/early_childhood_art_recipes.htm --many great art recipes

<http://healingstoriespicturebooks.blogspot.com/> --AMAZING resources on children's books that are on feelings, issues and more!!

<http://childrensbooksheal.com/> --more info on good children's books on feelings, etc.

CULTURAL/ANTI-BIAS RESOURCES

<http://thekulturekidz.com/> --resources for black history

<http://www.values.com/> --resources on values with free posters

<http://www.edchange.org/multicultural/> --variety of multicultural ideas and issues

<http://nameorg.org/> --national association for multicultural education

<http://www.tolerance.org/> --resource for educators around issues of diversity

<http://www.languagecastle.com/> --resources for educators working with linguistically diverse children

BLOGS WRITTEN BY OTHER EDUCATORS

--can get good ideas from them!

<http://shellyterrell.com/> --teacher reboot camp "challenging ourselves to engage our students"

<http://imaginationsoup.net/> --engaging learning activities and projects

<http://www.notimeforflashcards.com/> --ideas for babies, toddlers and kids from variety of authors

<http://notjustcute.com/> --blog on intentional whole child development

<http://www.inspiredec.com/blog> --providing inspirational professional development opportunities for early childhood educators

<http://myearlychildhoodreflections.blogspot.com/> --great blog by friend Maureen who teaches at Center for Inspired Teaching

<https://dianeravitch.net/> -- a site to discuss better education for all

<http://creativestarlearning.co.uk/> --ideas on learning and playing outdoors

<http://www.theimaginationtree.com/> --many creative ideas

<http://curmudgucation.blogspot.com/> --trying to make sense of what's happening in education

<http://www.playbasedlearning.com.au/> --no play, no learning, know play, know learning—great ideas from bloggers and Marc Armitage

<http://preschool-daze.com/> --ideas from a small community preschool

<http://www.teachpreschool.org/> --more creative ideas

<http://www.letthechildrenplay.net/> --focus on play with many activity ideas

<http://playlearnteach.org/> --playing with early learners

<http://scottsbricks.blogspot.com/> -- "thoughts on helping young children learn and grow"

BLOGS WRITTEN BY OTHER EDUCATORS

<http://www.deepfun.com/> --“games for the seriously playful”

<http://teachertombsblog.blogspot.com/> --teacher from a Seattle cooperative preschool—thought-provoking and idea filled

<http://www.handsfreemama.com/> --ideas from a mom who looks at “living life” hands free

<http://www.rainbowswithinreach.blogspot.com/> --musician and educator with many ideas

<http://teaching2and3yearolds.blogspot.com/> --many ideas—“teach what you know and continue to grow”

<http://readingyear.blogspot.com/> --from two teachers who read a lot!

<http://listography.com/paigeful> --lists of ideas from a local colleague!

<http://littleilluminations.blogspot.com/> --variety of creative ideas

<http://playfullylearning.blogspot.com/> --creative ideas

<http://aplaceimagined.blogspot.com/> --creative playhouses

<http://all4mychild.com/blog/> --collaborative tools and technologies

<http://creativestarlearning.blogspot.com/> --the “emergency exit to outdoor learning”

<http://auntannieschildcare.blogspot.com/> --parenting blog

<http://malesinearlychildhood.blogspot.com/> --from Australia

<http://weeklykidscoop.com/meet-the-co-hosts/> --15 creative bloggers offer ideas!

<http://picklebums.com/> --parent blog from ece teacher

<http://www.childcentralstation.com/> --lots of ideas

<http://www.prekandksharing.blogspot.com/> --sharing of many ece contributors including Mimi Brodsky Chenfeld

<http://eyesonnature.blogspot.com/> --old blog of nature ideas

<http://momenttomomentdk.blogspot.com/> ---beautiful nature photographs

<http://theeducatorsspinonit.blogspot.co.uk/> --parents/elementary teachers with ideas

<http://rainydaymum.co.uk/> --parent blog

<http://www.toddlerapproved.com/> --toddler activities

<http://glitteringmuffins.com/> --some good cooking ideas with kids

<http://www.redtedart.com/> --variety of crafts ideas

<http://mamasmiles.com/> --parenting through creativity, learning, and play.

<http://www.artfulparent.com/> --art ideas

<http://www.marc-armitage.eu/> --marc armitage on play

<http://www.nosuchthingasbadweather.blogspot.com/> --focus on outdoors

<http://pinkandgreenmama.blogspot.com/> --creative arts ideas

<http://craftyteacher.blogspot.com/> --variety of art projects

<http://www.makingboysmen.com/> --“growing our boys through play fun and adventures”

<http://loveoutdoorplay.net/> --outdoor play ideas and thinking

<http://creativestarlearning.co.uk/> --learning and play outdoors

<http://www.angelamaiers.com> --ideas from the “Passion Driven Classroom”

<http://www.penniesoftime.blogspot.com.au/> --ideas on teaching children to serve

<http://brainrules.blogspot.com> --John Medina author of *Brain Rules*

www.danpink.com -- Daniel Pink, author and his blog

www.howardgardner.com --Howard Gardner’s website

<http://sethgodin.typepad.com> --Seth Godin’s blog

<http://cccare.wordpress.com/> --Cheryl’s family child care blog

<http://www.sharonsgarden.com/> -- Sharon’s family child care blog with many creative ideas

DISCIPLINE

<http://consciousdiscipline.com/> --Becky Bailey’s website

<http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/> --Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning

<http://greatergood.berkeley.edu/education> --science of social/emotional development

<http://www.challengingbehavior.org/> --social emotional intervention

<http://www.freespirit.com/> --social emotional resources/publishing

<http://casel.org/> --Collaborative for Academic and Social Emotional Learning

DISCIPLINE

<http://www.preventiveoz.org/> --parent's resource on temperament and discipline

<http://ecap.crc.illinois.edu/> --the early childhood parenting collaborative

Bailey, Becky. *Managing Emotional Mayhem: The Five Steps for Self-Regulation*. Loving Guidance, FL, 2011.

Bailey, Becky. *Creating the School Family: Bully-Proofing Classrooms Through Emotional Intelligence*. Loving Guidance, FL, 2011.

Bilmes, Jenna. *Beyond Behavior Management: The Six Life Skills Children Need to Thrive in Today's World*. Redleaf Press, revised, 2012.

Dombro, Amy Laura, Judy Jablon and Charlotte Stetson. *Powerful Interactions: How to Connect with Children to Extend Their Learning*. NAEYC, 2011

Jacobson, Tamar. *Please Don't Get So Upset!: Helping Young Children Manage Their Feelings by Understanding Your Own*. Redleaf Press, 2008.

Mooney, Carol Garhart. *Use Your Words: How Teacher Talk Helps Children Learn*. Redleaf Press, 2005.

Shumaker, Heather. *It's OK to Go Up the Slide: Renegade Rules for Raising Confident and Creative Kids*. TarcherPerigree, 2016.

DONATIONS

<http://www.donorschoose.org/> --post projects for funding

<http://www.teacherlists.com/> --post wishlists for funding

<https://good360.org/> --helping nonprofits

<http://www.adoptaclassroom.org/> --adopting classrooms

ENVIRONMENTS

Carter, Margie and Deb Curtis. *Designs for Living and Learning: Transforming Early Childhood Environments* Second Edition. Redleaf Press, rev 2016..

Deviney, Jessica et al. *Inspiring Spaces for Young Children*. Gryphon House, 2010.

KINDNESS

<http://www.schoolclimate.org/bullybust/educators> --BullyBust is designed to help students and adults become “upstanders”—people who stand up to bullying and become part of the solution to end harmful harassment, teasing, and violence in our nation's schools.

<http://www.schoolclimate.org/> -- Our goal is to promote positive and sustained school climate: a safe, supportive environment that nurtures social and emotional, ethical, and academic skills.

http://isites.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=making_caring_common-- Welcome to the Making Caring Common Project, where we seek to help educators, parents, and communities raise children who are caring, respectful, and responsible toward others and their communities.

<http://www.rootsofempathy.org/> --Roots of Empathy's mission is to build caring, peaceful, and civil societies through the development of empathy in children and adults.

<http://www.seedsofempathy.org/> --part of “roots of empathy” with focus on early childhood.

<http://thehawnfoundation.org/mindup/> --MINDUP is the evidence based, CASEL accredited social emotional literacy program of the Hawn Foundation built upon neuroscience, positive psychology, mindful awareness training and optimism.

<https://www.mindandlife.org> -- Mind and Life's work operates in an array of rigorous fields—neuroscience, psychology, education, medicine, ethics, religion, the humanities—and is always guided by the Institute's larger mandate to alleviate suffering, cultivate kindness and compassion, and advance human flourishing.

<http://dalailamacenter.org/> -- "Educating the heart" is the Center's tag line. The Center will provide a learning environment that cultivates mindfulness: the integration of mind, body, and spirit. It will encourage heightened awareness within of our inner potential through diverse practices of art. And it will provide a venue for creative interpretation of the world's many wisdom traditions.

<http://www.happiness-project.com/>--happiness ideas!

<http://inspiremykids.com/> --inspiration resources and ideas for kids!

<http://www.teachkind.org> --humane education ideas for K-12

<http://www.kindspring.org/> -information on “small acts that change the world”

<http://www.karmatube.org/index.php> --WATCH be inspired and ACT!

<http://www.dailygood.org/> --news that inspires

<http://www.actionforhappiness.org/> --taking action for a happier world

<http://greatergood.berkeley.edu/> -“build happiness, resilience, connection, and more with research-backed tools.”

<http://www.pinterest.com/wiseowlfactory/promote-classroom-kindness/> --promote classroom kindness

<http://www.rootsofaction.com/> --Research-based resources for PARENTS, SCHOOLS, and COMMUNITIES who want to impact the positive growth and development of children and teenagers.

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Bailey, Becky PhD. *Conscious Discipline: Building Resilient Classrooms*. Loving Guidance, 2015.

Gordon, Mary. *Roots of Empathy: Changing the World Child by Child*. The Experiment, 2009.

Langworthy, Sara E. PhD. *Bridging the Relationship Gap: Connecting with Children Facing Adversity*. Redleaf Press. 2015.

Porter, Susan Eva Phd. *Bully Nation: Why America's Approach to Childhood Aggression is Bad for Everyone*. Paragon House, 2013.

Scholastic, *Mind Up Curriculum: Brain-Focused Strategies for Learning—and Living, Grades PreK-2*. Scholastic, 2011.

Selman, Robert L. *The Promotion of Social Awareness: Powerful Lessons from the Partnership of Developmental Theory and Classroom Practice*. Russell Sage Foundation, 2013.

Szalavitz, Maia and Bruce Perry, M.D., PhD. *Born for Love: Why Empathy is Essential and Endangered*. William Morrow, 2010.

Tough, Paul. *How Children Succeed: Grit, Curiosity, and the Hidden Power of Character*. Mariner Books, 2012.

LEADERSHIP

<http://www.hollyelissabruno.com/> --speaker, author, resources on leadership

<http://mccormickcenter.nl.edu/> --leadership resource for improving quality of ece

ON LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

<http://www.gesellinstitute.org/> --promotes understanding and respect of child development

<http://www.learningstewards.org/> --interesting look at children's learning

<http://www.responsiveclassroom.org/> --educations creating safe and responsive classrooms

<http://zerotothree.org/> -national center for infants, toddlers and families

<http://www.educate.ece.govt.nz/learning/curriculumandlearning/assessmentforlearning/keituaotepae.aspx> -
-New Zealand look at learning

Galinsky, Ellen. *Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs*. Harper Collins, 2010

Bos, Bev and Jenny Chapman. *Tumbling Over the Edge: A Rant for Children's Play*. Turn-the-Page Press, 2005.

Medina, John. *Brain Rules: 12 Principles for Surviving and Thriving at Work, Home and School*. Pear Press, 2008.

PARENTS/FAMILIES

<http://www.parentingpress.com/> --resources for parents and working with parents --parenting resources

<http://www.pepparent.org/> --local resource for educating parents --local parenting resources/classes

<http://www.tnpc.com/> --the national parenting center --parenting resources

Davis, Laura and Janis Keyser. *Becoming the Parent You Want to Be*. Broadway Books, NY 1997.

Duffy, Roslyn. *The Top Ten Parenting Preschool Problems*. Exchange Press, 2008.

Eagan, Amy, Amy Freedman, Judi Greenberg and Sharon Anderson. *Is It a Big Problem or a Little Problem? When to Worry, When Not to Worry, and What to Do*. St. Martin's Press, 2007.

Keyser, Janis. *From Parents to Partners: Building a Family-Centered Early Childhood Program*. Redleaf Press, 2006.

Christakis, Erika. *The Importance of Being Little: What Preschoolers Really Need From Adults*. Viking, 2016.

PETS

<http://www.petsintheclassroom.org/> --resources for learning about and obtaining pets

<http://www.teacherwebshef.com/classroompets/> --learning to care for pets

<http://crittersintheclassroom.blogspot.com/> --blog on caring for pets

<http://www.carefresh.com/critter-college> --resources on caring for pets

<http://www.scwc.org/index.html> -- second chance wildlife center in Maryland

<http://chickenjunkie.com/> --hatching and caring for chickens

<http://www.mypetchicken.com/> --hatching and caring for chickens

<http://www.duckeggs.com/hatching-eggs.html> --hatching and caring for ducks

<http://www.hermit-crabs.com/index.html> --caring for hermit crabs

<http://www.monarchwatch.org/> --hatching and caring for monarch butterflies

<http://www.butterfliesetc.com/> --hatching and caring for butterflies

<http://www.matts-turtles.org/> --turtle and tortoise rescue and care

<http://www.thebeardeddragon.org/> --caring for bearded dragons

PETS

<http://www.wikihow.com/Care-for-Fire-Belly-Toads> --caring for fire belly toads

<http://urbanext.illinois.edu/eggs/res20-incubator.html> --building an incubator for chickens

<http://bettacare101.com/> --caring for betta fish

<http://allaboutfrogs.org/info/tadpoles/> --how to raise tadpoles

PLAY

<http://www.letthechildrenplay.net/> --based on the books

www.playcounts.com --Denita Dinger's website from *Let Them Play* book

<http://www.explorationsearlylearning.com/> --Jeff Johnson's website from *Let Them Play* book

<http://www.pinterest.com/exearlylearning/play-of-the-day/> --daily play ideas

www.ipausa.org --American Association for the child's right to play

Bos, Bev and Jenny Chapman. *Tumbling Over the Edge: A Rant for Children's Play*. Turn-the-Page Press, 2005.

Murphy, Lisa. *Lisa Murphy on Play: The Foundation of Children's Learning*. Redleaf Press, 2016.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Howell, Jacky and Kimberly Reinhard. *Rituals and Traditions: Fostering a Sense of Community in Preschool*. NAEYC, 2015.

SCIENCE/NATURE

<http://sciencenetlinks.com/> --resources for science

<http://www.nwf.org/Kids.aspx> --National Wildlife Federation for kids

<http://www.audubon.org/> --Audubon resources

<https://www.naturefind.com/> --finds nature activities near you

<http://www.5orangepotatoes.com/blog/nature-activities/> --nature activities and blog

<http://www.nrdc.org/reference/kids.asp> --environmental education

<http://www.insectlore.com/> --resource for science/nature ordering

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<http://www.stevespanglerscience.com/> --resource for science ordering

<http://www.terrificscience.org/> -variety of science activities and freebies

<http://www.nrdc.org/reference/kids.asp> --reference links for environments and kids

<http://eol.org/> --lots of resources about “life on earth”

<http://www.childrenandnature.org/> --learning about nature

<http://www.naturerocks.org/> --inspiring families to explore nature

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/eeek/index.htm> --environmental education for kids

<http://www.songsforteaching.com/sciencesongs.htm> --songs about science

<http://www.wildlifefun4kids.com/> --nurturing little nature lovers

SENSORY IDEAS

<http://www.learning4kids.net/list-of-sensory-play-ideas/> --learning4kids idea pages

http://www.tutusteaparties.com/2013/07/what-to-use-in-your-sensory-table-over_31.html --more sensory table ideas

<http://www.pinterest.com/marybethcol/preschool-sensory-tables/> --many sensory ideas

<http://www.pinterest.com/mamabare42/ece-loose-parts-play/> --loose parts play

SPECIAL DAY AND CELEBRATION RESOURCES—FOR YOUR CALENDAR AND PLANNING!

<http://www.brownielocks.com/month2.html> --fun calendar and events days to use for planning

<http://holidayinsights.com/> --holidays and other fun calendar resources

SPECIAL NEEDS

<http://www.therapro.com/> --classroom materials

<http://out-of-sync-child.com/> --info and resources on out of sync children

SPORTS

<http://www.wnba.com/> --website of women’s professional league

<http://www.wnba.com/mystics/> --website of the Mystics, local DC team

SPORTS

<http://espn.go.com/espnw> --ESPN's coverage of women's sports

<http://www.swishappeal.com/wnba> --blog on the wnba

<http://www.ncaa.com/sports/basketball-women/d1> --college coverage of women's basketball

<http://www.morethanjustbasketball.com/> --Maryland women's basketball team

<http://womenshoopsblog.wordpress.com/> --blog on women's basketball

<http://www.rio2016.com/en/olympic-games> --Rio Olympics 2016

<http://www.cehd.umn.edu/tuckercenter/> --Tucker Center on women in sports

TECHNOLOGY

<http://www.freetech4teachers.com/> --technology tools for teachers

<http://www.adigitalkindergarten.com/> --using technology in the classroom

VARIETY OF CURRICULUM IDEAS

<http://www.perpetualpreschool.com/> --wide variety of resources

<http://www.pinterest.com/kimdharris/bev-bos-teacher-tom-let-them-play/> --a beginning into pinterest ideas for teachers

<http://www.weareteachers.com/> --ideas, information, inspiration

CURRENT FAVORITE BOOKS!

Sullivan, Debra Ren-Etta. *Cultivating the Genius of Black Children: Strategies to Close the Achievement Gap in the Early Years*. Redleaf Press, 2016.

Plank, Emily. *Discovering the Culture of Childhood*. Redleaf Press, 2016.

Robinson, Ken. *Creative Schools: The Grassroots Revolution That's Transforming Education*. Penguin Books, 2015

Jana, Laura A. MD. *The Toddler Brain: Nurture the Skills Today that Will Shape Your Child's Tomorrow*. Practical Parenting Consulting LLC, 2017.