

**Wonder-Filled Early Childhood Environments:
Engaging All Children in Learning**

Resources for Educators

Books

Bringing the Outside In: Ideas for Creating Nature-Based Classroom Experiences for Young Children
Sandra Duncan and Jody Martin
Gryphon House, 2018

Caring Spaces Learning Places
Jim Greenman, Edited by Mike Lindstrom
Exchange Press, 2017

Designs for Living and Learning Together, Transforming Early Childhood Environments, Second Edition
Deb Curtis and Margie Carter
Redleaf Press, 2014

Family Child Care Homes: Creative Spaces for Children to Learn
Linda J. Armstrong
Redleaf Press, 2011

Inspiring Spaces for Young Children
Jessica DeViney, Sandra Duncan, Sara Harris, Mary Ann Rody, Lois Roesnberry
Gryphon House, 2010

Inquiry-Based Early Learning Environments: Creating, Supporting, and Collaborating
Susan Stacey
Redleaf Press, 2018

In the Spirit of the Studio: Learning from the Atelier of Reggio Emilia (Early Childhood Education Series) 2nd Edition
Lella Gandini, Lynn Hill, Louise Boyd Cadwell, Charles S. Schwall, Eds.
Teachers College Press, 2015

Loose Parts: Inspiring Play in Young Children
Redleaf Press, 2014

Loose Parts 2: Inspiring Play with Infants and Toddlers
Redleaf Press, 2016

Loose Parts 3: Inspiring Culturally Sustainable Environments
Lisa Daly, Miriam Beloglovsky

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Redleaf Press, 2018

Rethinking the Classroom Landscape: Creating Environments That Connect Young Children, Families, and Communities

Sandra Duncan, Jody Martin, and Rebecca Kreth
Gryphon House, 2016

Seasons of Play: Natural Environments of Wonder

Rusty Keeler
Gryphon House, 2016

Thrifty Teacher's Guide to Creative Learning Centers

Shelley Nicholson and Jessica Martinez
Gryphon House, 2017

Through a Child's Eyes

Sandra Duncan, Jody Marting, and Sally Haughery
Gryphon House, 2018

Treasure Basket Explorations: Heuristic Learning for Infants and Toddlers

Laura Wilhelm
Gryphon House, 2017

Universal Design for Learning in the Early Childhood Classroom: Teaching Children of All Languages, Cultures, and Abilities, Birth - 8 Years

Pamela Brillante and Karen Nemeth
Routledge, 2017

Articles

“Designing and Using a Developmentally Appropriate Block Area for Infants and Toddlers”

Julia Luckenbill and Lourdes Schallock
Young Children, March 2015

“Enhancing the Quality of Toddler Care: Supporting Curiosity, Persistence, and Learning in the Classroom”

Lauren E. Worley and Carla B. Goble
Young Children, September 2016

“Environments that Speak to Children”

Michelle Pratt
Exchange, September/October 2014

“Great Places to Be a Baby: Infants' and Toddlers' Learning Environments”

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Jim Greenman
Exchange, May/June 2004

“Infants and Toddlers: What Works? Assessing Infant and Toddler Play Environments
Janet Gonzalez-Mena”
Young Children, September 2013

“*Inspired by Reggio Emilia: Emergent Curriculum in Relationship-Driven Learning Environments*”
Mary Ann Biermeier
Young Children, November 2015

“Let's Get Messy! Exploring Sensory and Art Activities with Infants and Toddlers”
Trudi Schwarz and Julia Luckenbill
Young Children, September 2012

“Making a Mud Kitchen for Mud Day”
Jan White and Menna Godfrey
Exchange, May/June 2015

“Making Your Environment ‘The Third Teacher’”
Margie Carter
Exchange, July/August 2007

“Preschool: From Cinder Blocks to Building Blocks: Creating Beautiful Places in Challenging Spaces”
Takiema Bunche Smith and Louise Ammentorp
Young Children, September 2013

“Rethinking Early Childhood Environments to Enhance Learning”
Deb Curtis and Margie Carter
Young Children, May 2005

“Toddlers: Planning Environments and Materials That Respond to Young Children's Lively Minds”
Deb Curtis, Kasondra L. Brown, Lorrie Baird, and Anne Marie Coughlin
Young Children, September 2013

Web-based Resources

Child Development Virtual Lab School
<https://www.virtuallabschool.org/about>

Choose an age-specific track, then look for online courses on relevant topics including Learning Environments and Creative Expression.

Community Playthings Resources

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<https://www.communityplaythings.com/resources>

Find articles, videos, projects and activities organized by topic. Creating learning environments includes:

Environment as the Third Teacher
Homelike Environments
Incorporating Loose Parts
The Power of The Environment
Classroom Design

Facebook

Let the Babies Play and Let Children Play are managed by Jennifer Kable. Both include useful photos and information about environments.

<https://www.facebook.com/letthebabiesplay/>

<https://www.facebook.com/letchildrenplay/>

Play Empowers is a site dedicated to supporting children's play. It serves as an online community of practice for early childhood educators in all settings.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/643130139044874/>

Roseville Nursery is a program in the UK that offers wonderful examples of engaging environments.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=roseville%20nursery>

Fairy Dust Teaching

Look for photos of some engaging environments for young children of different ages.

<https://fairydustteaching.com/>

Office of Head Start, Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center (ECLKC)

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/learning-environments>

At this site find resources in print and video formats on learning environments for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

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