Educational Resources

Home School Preschool and Early Elementary

Preschool Development and School Readiness

- *Learning Through Play* *http://www.earlychildhoodnews.com/earlychildhood/article_view.aspx?ArticleID=591* Is a great article to read when considering school for preschool and kindergarten.
- *10 Things Every Parent Should Know about Play* *https://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/child-development/10-things-every-parent-should-know-about-play*
- *Preschoolers Need More Play and Fewer Scripted Lessons, Says Early Childhood Educator Erika Christakis* *http://news.yale.edu/2016/02/09/preschoolers-need-more-play-and-fewer-scripted-lessons-says-early-childhood-educator-erik*
- *Meet the World's Leading expert on why Kids Build Forts. What He's learned is both fascinating and inspiring.* *https://blog.kinstantly.com/kids-forts/*
- *How Planning and Reflection Develop Young Children's Thinking Skills* *http://journal.naeyc.org/btj/200309/Planning&Reflection.pdf* is an excellent article on how parents can help foster thinking skills development in their preschool children.

Early Literacy and Reading

- Parent Involvement in Early Literacy http://www.edutopia.org/blog/parent-involvement-in-early-literacy-erika-burton
- Reading Rockets is a tool chest of how to teach reading, help with struggling readers, a link to PBS shows and other "Fun Stuff" for kids: www.readingrockets.org
- *Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons* is a step-by-step program for parents to use with their children at home https://www.amazon.com/Teach-Your-Child-Read-Lessons/dp/0671631985/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1497550365&sr=8-1&keywords=how+to+teach+your+child+to+read+in+100+easy+lessons
- *All About Reading* is a multisensory scripted phonics based reading program. Because it uses the research and methodology from Orton Gillingham, this curriculum is also a good choice for students with dyslexia. It teaches all five components of reading: phonological awareness, phonics and decoding, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Check it out here: https://www.allaboutlearningpress.com/all-about-reading/
- *Get Ready for the Code* and *Explode the Code* are great workbooks to support your reading program. They can be purchased on Amazon.com.
- *Wordly Wise 3000 Grade K-2nd Edition* is a great workbook for teaching vocabulary. It can be purchased on Amazon.com
- *Kid's Books Without Borders* provide children's books for third culture kids. They provide quality books, free of charge, to families living overseas who have little or no access to bookstores or libraries with children's books in English. https://kidsbookswithoutborders.wordpress.com/about-kids-books-without-borders/

Handwriting:

- OT Mom's Learning Activities http://www.ot-mom-learning-activities.com/
- Handwriting Development: Sizing, Spacing, Alignment, and More! http://theinspiredtreehouse.com/handwriting-development-sizing-spacing-alignment-and-more/
- Gross Motor Skills and Handwriting https://www.yourtherapysource.com/blog1/2016/01/20/gross-motor-skills-and-handwriting-3/
- Handwriting Stations https://www.yourtherapysource.com/product/handwriting-stations-2/
- The Dynamic Tripod Grasp http://www.otplan.com/articles/pencil-grasp-patterns.aspx

Math:

- Developmental Milestones for Preschool Mathematics https://www.education.com/reference/article/developmental-preschool-mathematics/
- Development of Cognitive Structures Related to Mathematics https://www.education.com/reference/article/development-cognitive-structure-mathematics/
- What to Expect in Kindergarten Math https://www.education.com/magazine/article/Kindergarten_math/ (Notice at the bottom links to games and other math resources)

Social Skills:

- Preschool Developmental Milestones http://www.kamloopschildrenstherapy.org/social-emotional-preschool-milestones
- wiki How to Develop Social Skills in Children http://www.wikihow.com/Develop-Social-Skills-in-Children

Learning Styles:

- Websites for Homeschool teacher's learning style
  - http://www.edutopia.org/multiple-intelligences-learning-styles-quiz
  - http://www.educationplanner.org/students/self-assessments/learning-styles.shtml
  - http://www.vark-learn.com/english/page.asp?p=questionnaire
- What is your child's learning style? http://tutortime.webstarts.com/learning_styles.html

Home School Teacher Helps:

- Learnwell Home Education Collective http://www.learnwellcollective.org/
- Home School Legal Defense Association https://www.hslda.org/
- Records to Keep "Homeschooling Toddlers to Tweens" https://www.hslda.org/earlyyears/Records.asp
- Home School Curriculum Reviews http://cathyduffyreviews.com/

Raising MKs

Here is a list of books for raising MKs:

- ***The Third Culture Kid Experience*** by Pollock and VanReken available at Amazon.com
- ***Raising a Bilingual Child*** by Pearson available at Amazon.com
- ***Fitted Pieces*** by Bloomberg & Brooks may be purchased from fittedpieces@shareeducation.org or Amazon.com

Transition Helps

Here is a list of books for children on transition (all are available on Amazon):

- ***Painted Words and Spoken Memories*** by Aliki Brandenberg (Grades K-5)
- ***Chrysanthemum*** by Kevin Henkes (Grades K-3)
- ***Little Blue and Little Yellow*** By Leo Lionni (Grades K-5)
- ***Mrs. Katz and Tush*** by Patricia Polacco (Grades K-5)
- ***Grandfather's Journey*** by Allen Say (Grades K-5)
- ***Gila Monsters Meet You at the Airport*** (Grades K-5)
- ***Alexander, Who's Not (Do You Hear Me? I Mean It!) Going to Move*** by Judith Viost (Grades K-5)
- ***Ira Says Goodbye*** by Bernard Waber (Grades K-5)

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