EARLY CHILDHOOD WEBSITES

A pathfinder for parents and teachers of young children.

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1. **National Association for the Education of Young Children**
   [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)

   The motto of this web site is “Promoting Excellence in Early Childhood Education.” With its great resources on articles relating to young children and Early Childhood Education for parents and educators, this motto is very appropriate for this site.

2. **Early Childhood Educators and Family Web Corner**
   [http://users.sgi.net/-cokids/](http://users.sgi.net/-cokids/)

   Have a questions regarding young children or Early Childhood Education? This is the place to go. Great teacher pages (including lessons, activities, educational links, etc.) and family pages (parenting information, etc.). Good resource for links to sites for information on young children with special needs as well as using technology with young children.

3. **Sunshine Online**
   [www.sunshine.co.nz/](http://www.sunshine.co.nz/)

   Teacher Resources section has lots of good ideas for activities, lessons, and themes. Nice computer learning section for young children. Websites to schools around the world including the U.S. and 5 other countries (suggestions—Start a “Web Pals” correspondence with another class—Connect with another teacher with a class similar to your for activity ideas, support, etc.).

4. **Preschool Teacher**
   [www.bv.net/-stormie/](http://www.bv.net/-stormie/)

   A website where teachers of Pre-K and Kindergarten students can go to for ideas for curriculums, lesson plans, themes, activities. Teachers are encouraged to contribute/share ideas on this site.

5. **Early Childhood.com**
   [www.earlychildhood.com](http://www.earlychildhood.com)

   Nice site for parents and teachers. Lots of articles on a variety of issues regarding young children. Fun craft ideas. Great internet links for parents, teachers, and kids. If you have
a question or want to share one of your ideas, go to Sharing Boards. Join their mailing list to receive the latest ECE news and ideas.

6. **Hall of Early Childhood Education**
   www.tenet.edu/academia/earlychild.html
   Great resources for teachers, parents, and kids—lots of links!

7. **The Idea Box**
   www.theideabox.com
   Hundreds of activity ideas, games, crafts, songs, recipes, etc. for young children. You will also find coloring pages, online stories, links for children and adults, message boards for parents and teachers, etc.

8. **Early Childhood Today**
   http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/ect.htm
   Lesson plans and reproducibles for many subject areas can be found at this site. A parent Send Home Activities section is included, as well as activities section for kids and their parents, and online activities.

9. **Resources for Early Childhood Special Education**
   www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/pez.html
   Great sit for educators and parents of young special needs children. Great teaching ideas, web links, information on disabilities, technology resources (including AT – Assistive Technology), software recommendations, etc.

10. **The Perpetual Preschool**
    www.perpetualpreschool.com
    A good source for curriculum, activity, songs, and book ideas. Go to the ECE Web Guide for articles on Early Childhood Education, including special needs. Need a break from ECE? Want a little fun? Play trivia games at the teacher “break” area. This site also offers online classes for educators. Tuition is $25.00.

11. **Early Childhood Ed. Online**
    www.earlychildhoodedonline.com
    Various articles dealing with young children can be found here. You can also find several web links to curriculum ideas, advocacy information, and professional development opportunities.
12. Kinderart  
www.kinderart.com

Wonderful art activities and lesson ideas for young children (including edible art!). Teachers are encouraged to share their lesson plans and ideas.

13. Family Education  
www.familyed.com

Great articles, activity ideas, internet tips for teachers (including special needs) can be found at this site. Good parenting articles also. Up-to-date health articles from Dr. C. Everett Koop.

14. A World of Kindergartens  
www.iup.edu/~njyost/KHI/KHI.html

Kindergarten teachers from around the world collaborate to make this website. This site includes great activities, resources, and personal insights from teachers. A great place to go if you need suggestions from teachers in similar teaching situations. You can get lots of support from preschool, kindergarten, and primary teachers from around the world.

15. Connecting Students-Preschool through Second Grade  
www.connectingstudents.com/themes/ps2.htm#

Resources, theme and activity ideas, arts & crafts, book/story ideas, lesson plans, web based activity links can all be found at this site.

16. Kinder Korner  
www.geocities.com/Hertland/Hollow/1213

A MUST-SEE for early childhood education teachers! Super theme, lesson, and activity ideas. Links to great teacher resources.

17. Computer Skills Lesson Plans  
www.dpi.state.nc.us/curriculum/computer.skills/lsnplns/keyboarding/kebdtoc.htm

Provides just what the title says: computer skills lesson plans and activities for grades K-4, with a focus on keyboarding skills. Site is text only—don’t go here looking for graphics.