



Organizations

NIEER

National Institute For Early Education Research

<http://nieer.org/>" <http://nieer.org/>

The National Institute for Early Education Research Web site is a wonderful professional-development resource. It offers useful facts and figures, publications, and the latest research on early childhood education, including a comprehensive state-standards database.

NAEYC

National Association for the Education of Young Children

<http://www.naeyc.org/>" <http://www.naeyc.org/>

The National Association for the Education of Young Children is one of the largest organizations for early childhood educators. This is a great website for providing resources, support, and standards for teachers and administrators in early childhood programs.

IRA

International Reading Association

<http://www.reading.org/>" <http://www.reading.org/>

IRA is a professional organization for those who teach reading to people of all ages. It is a strong site for information on reading curriculum, teaching strategies, and grants.

Education Commission of the States

<http://www.ecs.org/clearinghouse/27/24/2724.htm>" <http://www.ecs.org/clearinghouse/27/24/2724.htm>

Visit the Education Commission of the States database for Pre-Kindergarten information from a variety of different sources on state education practices. On this site you can review state profiles, comparisons of state Pre-K programs, and reports on data from all 50 states.

NHSA

National Head Start Association

<http://www.nhsa.org/>" <http://www.nhsa.org/>

The National Head Start Association is a not-for-profit membership organization dedicated to helping parents and educators prepare children for the start of school. This site is a wonderful source of documents on training, research, and programs set up to develop the skills of preschool children.



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Pre-K Now

<http://www.preknow.org/>" <http://www.preknow.org/>

Pre-K Now is a public education organization set up to promote the importance of Pre-K education for all children. Pre-K Now is an informative resource for teachers, families, and policymakers. Information on certification requirements, No Child Left Behind, and meeting standards are just a few of the topics addressed on this helpful site.

NEA

National Education Association

<http://www.nea.org/index.html>" <http://www.nea.org/index.html>

The National Education Association Web site offers links to professional development, publications, and membership information. Included on their site are articles and lesson ideas for teachers.

NCTE

The National Council of Teachers of English

<http://www.ncte.org/elem>" <http://www.ncte.org/elem>

The National Council of Teachers of English is a solid teacher-based Web site that offers links to issues in reading and language arts education. This site is full of suggestions for teachers, policy information, and quality research in the field of English education curriculum and instruction.



Great Downloadable Resources

The Literacy Web at the University of Connecticut

<http://www.literacy.uconn.edu/pkhome.htm>" <http://www.literacy.uconn.edu/pkhome.htm>

The Literacy Web at the University of Connecticut is a fantastic source of information, planning, and literacy standards for preschool teachers. This site has a large section of online lesson plans, great Web sites for Pre-K students, and a large list of children's literature selections.

Playhouse Disney/Just for Educators

<http://tv.disney.go.com/playhouse/grown-ups/educators/index.html>" <http://tv.disney.go.com/playhouse/grown-ups/educators/index.html>

Playhouse Disney/Just for Educators is an amazing activity-based site for preschool teachers. Teachers or parents can download and print worksheets and activities for free which are focused on topics like counting, shapes, letter recognition, and helping others. All of these fun activities are arranged in categories based on a skill, theme, and age level.

PBS Teacher Source

<http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/prek2.htm>" <http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/prek2.htm>

The PBS Web site is a wonderful resource full of engaging lessons, activities, and book recommendations for pre-school children. The crafts section of the site incorporates some of the most popular characters in today's children's books with topics like growing up, pets, and making music.

Online Games and Activities

Mister Rogers' Neighborhood

http://pbskids.org/rogers/R_house/" http://pbskids.org/rogers/R_house/

The Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Web site incorporates all of the magical teachings of Fred Rogers with fun activities, games, and songs for children. The teacher section of the site discusses a topic for the week and gives the teacher an activity they can use in their classroom and a list of excellent books they can read to reinforce the topic. A must-see for any preschool educator.

abcteach

<http://www.abcteach.com/>" <http://www.abcteach.com/>

The abcteach site is an excellent place for preschool teachers to gain access to free classroom materials. The site is full of wonderful flashcards, games, activities, and puzzles which can be printed out for extra practice and reinforcement.



State Sites

Tennessee Alliance for Early Education

<http://www.prekfortn.com/whyprek.htm>" <http://www.prekfortn.com/whyprek.htm>

The Tennessee Alliance for Early Education provides educational information, research, and standards for the state of Tennessee. Included on their site are links for educators, calendar events, and membership information.

C.I.R.C.L.E.

State Center for Early Childhood Development

<http://www.uth.tmc.edu/circle/index.html>" <http://www.uth.tmc.edu/circle/index.html>

C.I.R.C.L.E. State Center for Early Childhood Development is an organization based at the University of Texas. This Web site has information on teacher training, childhood development publications, and preschool-based activities for the classroom.

Grants

NCTE

The National Council of Teachers of English

<http://www.ncte.org/about/grants/topic/117580.htm>" <http://www.ncte.org/about/grants/topic/117580.htm>

The National Council of Teachers of English is a membership Web site that offers links to issues in reading and language arts education. This site has an extensive section on educational policymaking and grant information.