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*Making Space for Storied Leadership
in Higher Education* - Elizabeth P.

Quintero 2021-08-03

This book analyzes stories of

university early childhood faculty members, community activists in southern California, and children and the early childhood teacher education students working with them. The grounding of this research is reconceptualization of postmodern narrative theoretical influences. Through narrative inquiry, the book connects ongoing research to ongoing pedagogy. It explores the following research questions: (1) How do learners across generations create, build upon, and reinvent each other's stories to make new meanings through consideration of family history, multigenerational knowledge, and experiences?; (2) How do learners' stories offer new possibilities through leadership that connects Global South knowledge with Global North contexts?; (3) In what ways is

it possible to use this framework and methodology in Higher Education to promote systemic consistency in promoting social justice that is generatively inclusive? More than half of the research participants have truly lived bi-culturally, many of the children in the early care and education programs in the USA are from Mexico and Central America. These collaborators truly carry their roots with them as they strive for justice and authenticity in early childhood teacher education and community activists working with families and children.

Children's Play - Edward Zigler 2004
Extensive empirical research has documented the value of play for both cognitive and social development. Despite the evidence, educators and policy makers are eliminating the

free play periods that have long been a central part of a young child's experience in preschool and childcare. In *Children's Play*, leading experts in play research, child development, and early childhood education examine recent policy decisions and demonstrate the importance of play in helping children learn basic literacy skills, social awareness, and creative problem solving. Readers will also find a comprehensive summary of the developmental benefits of play, examples of how research has been applied in practice, a multicultural perspective on play, and ideas for how to play imaginative games with children.

Technology and Critical Literacy in Early Childhood - Vivian Maria

Vasquez 2022-05-05

Now in its second edition, this popular text explores classrooms where technology and critical literacies are woven into childhood curricula and teaching. Using real-world stories, it addresses what ICTs afford critical literacy with young children, and how new technologies can be positioned to engage in meaningful and authentic learning. Concise but comprehensive, the text provides strategies, theoretical frameworks, demonstrations of practice, and resources for teachers. Updated with discussions of media literacy and new pedagogical tools, the second edition features new classroom examples and experiences that highlight the ways in which critical literacy, technology and media literacy come together in everyday life in the early childhood

classroom. The inviting examples model how to use the interests and inquiry questions of young learners as a springboard for creating a critical curriculum. Each chapter includes Reflection Points, pedagogical invitations, and Resource Boxes to imagine new possibilities of working with students in engaging and supportive ways. The inspiring stories, guidance, and tools this book make it a great resource for pre-service teachers and students in Early Childhood Education and Literacy Education, and primary teachers and educators.

Literacy Learning in the Early Years

- Caroline Barratt-Pugh 2020-07-16

Children's early experiences of literacy have a major influence on how they continue to learn as they grow older. Children enter early

childhood programs and school with a wealth of knowledge and understandings of literacy. It is critical that early childhood professionals and teachers recognise and build on this learning. Literacy Learning in the Early Years offers a practical introduction to literacy issues for early childhood professionals and teachers working with children aged 0-8, in childcare, preschool and school contexts. The authors take a socio-cultural approach to literacy learning, emphasising the importance of understanding the various contexts in which young children are involved in literacy practices. They explore a range of literacy issues that early childhood professionals and teachers are facing in the 21st century. These issues include the role of play in

literacy learning, how to use information communication technologies with young children and ways of introducing critical literacy. Literacy is understood broadly and readers are encouraged to explore a range of print and other media with children. With chapters from both Australian and UK authors *Literacy Learning in the Early Years* is an ideal professional reference and student text. a very useful introductory text to literacy development in early childhood. It is clearly written and accessible to the wide range of professionals working with young children as well as to teachers and parents. It will be a valuable text in training at initial and in-service levels on a wide range of courses. Lesley Abbott, Professor of Early Childhood Education,

Manchester Metropolitan University this well written, comprehensive book combines many practical examples of learning to do literacy and suggestions for action, and all the while engages the reader with questions and starting points for reflection. Susan Hill, Associate professor, The Centre for Studies in Literacy, University of South Australia

When Stories Come to School - Patsy Cooper 1993

This book offers pre-school teachers, kindergarten teachers, daycare workers, and parents ways to help young children begin to read and write, by placing stories at the very center of the early childhood curriculum. The book includes an in-depth discussion of the crucial pedagogical and developmental roles

that stories can play in early childhood education, as well as a practical guide to having children tell their own stories and perform them with their classmates. The book also discusses the use of videos, and the uses and misuses of Whole Language, invented spelling, and the writing process. Chapters in the book are: (1) Stories in Search of Classrooms; (2) Lessons from Home; (3) What I Had to Learn about Stories in Classrooms; (4) When Young Children Dictate and Dramatize Their Own Stories; (5) Portraits of Young Storytellers; and (6) A Guide to Storytelling in the Classroom. Appendixes present sample stories dictated to teachers, sample transcripts of dictation, a list of books and stories children like to dramatize, and brief descriptions of

related classroom literacy activities. (RS)

Diverse Literacies in Early Childhood

- Leonie Arthur 2014-01-01

This important, research-based text explores the concept of literacy as social practice within diverse family, community and educational settings. Its theoretical premise - that literacy learning and life chances are inextricably linked - is underscored by practical example, teachers' stories and real-world references. With close reference to the Early Years Learning Framework, this book acknowledges the multiplicity of 'literacy' experiences that manifest in the lives of young children from birth to five years. The book provides clear guidelines and foundational principles for tertiary students,

early childhood professionals and primary school teachers, as they work to support literacy learning and prepare children for future success. Key Features Includes direct links in each chapter to the Early Years Learning Framework, Australian Curriculum, National Goals for Schooling and National Quality Standard Includes case studies, sample documentation and examples Outlines the importance of popular culture and digital media in the lives of young children and families Explores the partnerships that extend all children's literacy participation across homes, early childhood settings and schools Investigates ways of documenting and assessing children's literacy interests and pedagogies for extending literacy learning Focuses on diverse

sociocultural contexts.

Literacy in Early Childhood and Primary Education - Claire McLachlan 2012-10-04

Provides a comprehensive, reader-friendly introduction to literacy teaching and learning, exploring both theoretical underpinnings and practical strategies.

Children, Language, and Literacy - Celia Genishi 2015-04-18

Synopsis: In their new collaboration, Celia Genishi and Anne Haas Dyson celebrate the genius of young children as they learn language and literacy in the diverse contexts that surround them. Despite burgeoning sociocultural diversity, many early childhood classrooms (pre-K to grade 2) offer a "one-size-fits-all" curriculum, too often assessed by standardized tests. In contrast, the

authors propose diversity as the new norm. They feature stories of children whose language learning is impossible to standardize, and they introduce teachers who do not follow scripts but observe, assess informally, respond to, and grow with their children. Among these children are rapid language learners and those who take their time to become speakers, readers, and writers at "child speed." All these learners, regardless of tempo, are often found within the language-rich contexts of play.

Young Investigators - Judy Harris
Helm 2011

This bestselling book has been completely updated and expanded to help teachers use the project approach in child care centers, in preschools, and in kindergarten, 1st

grade, and early childhood special education classrooms. For those new to using projects, the book introduces the approach and provides step-by-step guidance for conducting meaningful projects. Experienced teachers will find the teacher interviews, children's work, photographs (including full colour), and teacher journal entries used to document the project process in actual classrooms very useful. This popular, easy-to-use resource has been expanded to include these new features: explicit instructions and examples for incorporating standards into the topic selection and planning process; a variety of nature experiences, with examples that show how project work is an excellent way to connect children to the natural world; an update of the use of

technology for both documentation and investigations, including use of the Web as well as and video and digital cameras; and more toddler projects that reflect our increased knowledge from recent mind/brain research about toddler understanding and learning.

EBOOK: Rethinking Learning in Early Childhood Education - Nicola Yelland
2008-08-16

"I think a real strength of the book is the use of the case studies to ground the points made and to offer in-depth insights into practice."

Jackie Marsh, University of Sheffield, UK This exciting book considers the nature of young children's lives and how this can, and should, inform early childhood education in practical ways. It examines: What is it like for young children to learn in the 21st

century? How can we link this to new and innovative ways of providing relevant and engaging learning contexts for young children? What it means to be multiliterate in the 21st century The book explores how learning and engagement with ideas can be extended through the use of new technologies, describing how information and communications technologies enable young people to extend the boundaries of their learning and social interactions. These experiences have important implications for formal learning environments and the nature of the curriculum, including bold new approaches to teaching and learning which offer opportunities for children to investigate in new ways. This book provides examples of the ways in which early childhood

teachers have extended opportunities for new types of learning for children by creating contexts in which they are able to explore and represent their ideas and thinking in multimodal formats using new technologies. This book represents a research-based discussion for rethinking learning in the 21st century and includes various case studies and scenarios to enable students and practising teachers to try out new ideas. Finally, it considers new ways of thinking about children's learning by creating a multiliteracies portrait, pedagogies and pathways profile that enables teachers to build on their strengths to plan for effective learning outcomes. Rethinking Learning in Early Childhood Education is key reading for students on Early Years

courses or Primary Education pre-service teacher education programmes. **The Road to Writing** - Sue Cowley 2012-10-11

A practical, accessible guide to developing young children's mark making and early communication skills from bestselling education author, Sue Cowley.

Language and Literacy Learning in the Early Years - Susan B. Neuman 1993

This text presents an account of how young children's spoken and written language develops before formal schooling. It emphasizes the integration of speaking, listening, writing and reading: and illustrates how children learn and use these processes to connect with others, understand their world and express themselves.

Transforming the Workforce for

Children Birth Through Age 8 - National Research Council 2015-07-23
Children are already learning at birth, and they develop and learn at a rapid pace in their early years. This provides a critical foundation for lifelong progress, and the adults who provide for the care and the education of young children bear a great responsibility for their health, development, and learning. Despite the fact that they share the same objective - to nurture young children and secure their future success - the various practitioners who contribute to the care and the education of children from birth through age 8 are not acknowledged as a workforce unified by the common knowledge and competencies needed to do their jobs well. Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth Through

Age 8 explores the science of child development, particularly looking at implications for the professionals who work with children. This report examines the current capacities and practices of the workforce, the settings in which they work, the policies and infrastructure that set qualifications and provide professional learning, and the government agencies and other funders who support and oversee these systems. This book then makes recommendations to improve the quality of professional practice and the practice environment for care and education professionals. These detailed recommendations create a blueprint for action that builds on a unifying foundation of child development and early learning, shared knowledge and competencies for

care and education professionals, and principles for effective professional learning. Young children thrive and learn best when they have secure, positive relationships with adults who are knowledgeable about how to support their development and learning and are responsive to their individual progress. Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth Through Age 8 offers guidance on system changes to improve the quality of professional practice, specific actions to improve professional learning systems and workforce development, and research to continue to build the knowledge base in ways that will directly advance and inform future actions. The recommendations of this book provide an opportunity to improve the quality of the care and the education that children

receive, and ultimately improve outcomes for children.

Frameworks for Learning & Development
- Karen Kearns 2010-02-09

Written to support delivery of units in the Diploma of Children's Services, this text explores children's development, and the skills and philosophies needed to design programs for individual children and groups. WORKING IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES SERIES Each of the books in the award-winning Working in Children's Services Series has been written to assist students in attaining the skills and knowledge required to achieve a Children's Services qualification. With its easy-to-read style and engaging full-colour presentation, this series is an excellent resource for students. *Children's Multilingual Literacy* -

Pauline Harris 2020-10-22

This book offers a comprehensive report on a three-year, cross-cultural, critical participatory action research study, conducted in children's homes and communities in Fiji. This project contributed to building sustainable local capacity in communities without access to early childhood services, so as to promote preschool children's literacy development in their home languages and English. The book includes rich descriptions of the young children's lived, multilingual literacy practices in their home and community contexts. This work advances research-based practices for fostering young children's multilingual literacy and building community capacity in a post-colonial Pasifika context; further, it shares

valuable insights into processes and complexities that are inherent to multiliteracy and cross-cultural research.

Literacies in Early Childhood -

Laurie Makin 2002

Enriched with real-life examples of children's dialogue, artwork, and writing, this eye-opening text gives readers a fresh perspective on literacy development--knowledge they'll use to improve and revitalize literacy programs in early childhood classrooms.

Learning Stories and Teacher Inquiry Groups: Re-Imagining Teaching and Assessment in Early Childhood Education -

Isauro Escamilla

2021-07-13

Learning Stories and Teaching Inquiry Groups is a practical text focused on how ECE practitioners can establish

teacher inquiry and reflection groups and integrate the use of learning stories to strengthen their assessment, teaching practices, and knowledge of child development. Drawing on relevant research and the authors' direct work with teachers, the book focuses on describing ways the authors have adapted the framework of the learning stories approach from New Zealand to specific US educational contexts via examples from several urban and rural ECE contexts. The book provides practical examples of novice through veteran early childhood teachers engaging and collaborating in onsite and cross-site inquiry and reflection with a focus on learning stories. This text will be useful for infant, toddler, and preschool teachers taking courses at the AA, BA, and MA levels, as well

as teachers engaged in onsite professional development. This text will help early childhood educators learn to write learning stories as an observational and assessment approach to document young children's learning experiences and to deepen teachers' understanding of the role of narrative in linking child development knowledge with effective environmental design, high-quality curricular approaches, and socially and culturally inclusive relationship practices. The text will support early childhood educators' professional development through easily understood instructions and case study samples of inquiry work with learning stories through community of practice. Educators will learn how linking learning stories with regular, systematic forms of

teacher inquiry, documentation, and reflection promotes a new image of children as holistic learners.

EBOOK: Promoting Children's Learning from Birth to Five - Angela Anning
2006-03-16

Reviews of the first edition "At a time of constant and rapid change in education, this book will inform and reassure early childhood professionals." Practical Pre-School "Besides advice on the most helpful ways to develop learning in areas such as maths and literacy, there are suggestions and comments about further reading at the end of each chapter, and examples of the thoughts and responses of real children are never far from the page." TES "Innovative, resourceful and thoroughly researched... a challenge to existing and emerging early childhood

professionals." Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood Promoting Children's Learning from Birth to Five supports early years professionals as they develop new practices to promote young children's learning. This second edition fully reflects the enormous changes in early childhood education and care since the publication of the first edition. Retaining its successful focus on literacy and mathematical development as key exemplars of promoting young children's learning, the book considers new ways of working with parents, promoting inter-professional collaboration, and achieving sustainable, systematic change in children's services. The second edition: Draws on current research in early literacy and mathematical thinking Focuses on

multiprofessional practice, showing how practitioners who work from evidence across professional boundaries are able to give strong, interactive and sensitive support to young children and their parents Takes into account policies and practices such as Every Child Matters, the Primary Strategy and Children's Centres Includes updated material on aspects of leadership, and on the role of the Senior Practitioner in developing innovative services for children and their families Explores the importance of personal, social and emotional development in the curriculum for under-fives Working from the basis that children learn most readily in contexts where parents and professionals are keen to learn, the authors help early childhood

professionals to meet the challenges of reshaping children's services. This is key reading for all early childhood professionals and students.

Learning Stories - Margaret Carr
2012-06-19

This text shows how learning stories can help create learner identities and affect education, pedagogy and learning.

The Early Years Foundation Stage -
Ioanna Palaiologou 2009-11-25

Palaiologou has chosen essays for this collection which will stimulate critical awareness and discussion of the early years foundation stage. She provides an interesting background to the politics, policy and legislation which underpin and inform the EYFS. This book covers policy and pedagogy, assessment, communication and more.
Early Childhood Experiences in

Language Arts - Alison Zimbalist

2022-05-06

Packed with the latest research-based instructional strategies,

Zimbalist/Machado's EARLY CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES IN LANGUAGE ARTS, 12th

edition, teaches you how to best interact with children to promote appropriate language development as well as how to create a print-rich environment in the classroom.

Activities throughout this practical text emphasize the relationship among listening, speaking, reading, writing (print) and viewing in language arts areas. Theory is followed by how-to suggestions and plentiful examples of classic books and stories, poems, finger plays, flannel board and alphabet experiences, puppetry, language games, drama, and phonemic and phonetic awareness activities. In

addition to thorough integration of professional standards, the 12th Edition includes an emphasis on diversity and inclusion, along with techniques and tips for adapting curricula. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Early Childhood Curriculum - Claire McLachlan 2018-03-30

Provides a comprehensive introduction to curriculum theories and approaches in early childhood and early primary settings.

Play and Literacy in Early Childhood - Kathleen A. Roskos 2017-07-05

This volume brings together studies, research syntheses, and critical commentaries that examine play-literacy relationships from

cognitive, ecological, and cultural perspectives. The cognitive view focuses on mental processes that appear to link play and literacy activities; the ecological stance examines opportunities to engage in literacy-related play in specific environments; and the social-cultural position stresses the interface between the literacy and play cultures of home, community, and the school. Examining play from these diverse perspectives provides a multidimensional view that deepens understanding and opens up new avenues for research and educational practice. Each set of chapters is followed by a critical review by a distinguished play scholar. These commentaries' focus is to hold research on play and literacy up to scrutiny in terms of scientific

significance, methodology, and utility for practice. A Foreword by Margaret Meek situates these studies in the context of current trends in literacy learning and instruction. Earlier studies on the role of play in early literacy acquisition provided considerable information about the types of reading and writing activities that children engage in during play and how this literacy play is affected by variables such as props, peers, and adults. However, they did not deal extensively, as this book does, with the functional significance of play in the literacy development of individual children. This volume pushes the study of play and literacy into new areas. It is indispensable reading for researchers and graduate students in the fields of early

childhood education and early literacy development.
Literacy Development in Early Childhood - Beverly Otto 2019-02-14
Widely recognized as a leading text in its field, this popular guide explores literacy development beginning in infancy and through fourth grade. The latest edition continues to prepare teachers to create and implement literacy-rich curricula in early childhood classrooms, while providing updates to federal legislation and highlighting the impact of state standards on educational settings. Recent technology is integrated into activities used to enhance literacy competencies. Throughout the book, the author's approach to reflective teaching empowers teachers to become effective decision makers and

thoughtful mediators in children's transactions with literacy. A conceptual and theoretical foundation for describing reading and writing processes is followed by research-based descriptions of the signs of emergent literacy and developmentally appropriate instructional strategies. The emphasis on linguistic and cultural diversity includes an array of approaches for supporting English language learners. Chapter extension activities challenge readers to apply concepts through observation, research, curriculum development, and discussion. Sample observation and assessment forms assist in determining children's progress in developing literacy.

Transforming Early Childhood in England: - Claire Cameron 2020-08-03
Early childhood education and care

has been a political priority in England since 1997, when government finally turned its attention to this long-neglected area. Public funding has increased, policy initiatives have proliferated and at each general election political parties aim to outbid each other in their offer to families. Transforming Early Childhood in England: Towards a Democratic Education argues that, despite this attention, the system of early childhood services remains flawed and dysfunctional. National discourse is dominated by the cost and availability of childcare at the expense of holistic education, while a hotchpotch of fragmented provision staffed by a devalued workforce struggles with a culture of targets and measurement. With such deep-rooted problems, early childhood

education and care in England is beyond minor improvements. In the context of austerity measures affecting many young families, transformative change is urgent. **The Routledge Handbook of Digital Literacies in Early Childhood** - Ola Erstad 2019-07-05
As fast-evolving technologies transform everyday communication and literacy practices, many young children find themselves immersed in multiple digital media from birth. Such rapid technological change has consequences for the development of early literacy, and the ways in which parents and educators are able to equip today's young citizens for a digital future. This seminal Handbook fulfils an urgent need to consider how digital technologies are impacting the lives and learning of

young children; and how childhood experiences of using digital resources can serve as the foundation for present and future development. Considering children aged 0–8 years, chapters explore the diversity of young children’s literacy skills, practices and expertise across digital tools, technologies and media, in varied contexts, settings and countries. The Handbook explores six significant areas: Part I presents an overview of research into young children’s digital literacy practices, touching on a range of theoretical, methodological and ethical approaches. Part II considers young children’s reading, writing and meaning-making when using digital media at home and in the wider community. Part III offers an overview of key challenges for early

childhood education presented by digital literacy, and discusses political positioning and curricula. Part IV focuses on the multimodal and multi-sensory textual landscape of contemporary literary practices, and how children learn to read and write with and across media. Part V considers how digital technologies both influence and are influenced by children’s online and offline social relationships. Part VI draws together themes from across the Handbook, to propose an agenda for future research into digital literacies in early childhood. A timely resource identifying and exploring pedagogies designed to bolster young children’s digital and multimodal literacy practices, this key text will be of interest to early childhood educators, researchers and policy-

makers.

Assessment in Early Childhood

Settings - Margaret Carr 2001-07-23

This book shows that an early childhood setting can be described as a learning place in which children develop learning dispositions such as resilience in the face of uncertainty, confidence to express their ideas, and collaborative and thoughtful approaches to problem-solving. These dispositions provide the starting point for life-long learning. The author asks: How can we assess and track children's learning in the early years in a way that includes learning dispositions and avoids the pitfalls of over-formal methods, whilst being helpful for practitioners, interesting for families, and supportive for learners? The book describes a way

of assessment that stays close to the children's r

Literacies in Childhood - Laurie Makin 2007

Understand how children become literate and mold a confident reader with this easy to read resource

Story in Children's Lives: Contributions of the Narrative Mode to Early Childhood Development, Literacy, and Learning - Kelli Jo

Kerry-Moran 2019-09-27

This book is based on the power of stories to support children in all areas of their lives. It examines the role narratives can play in encouraging growth in contexts and domains such as personal and family identity, creative movement, memory and self-concept, social relationships, or developing a sense of humor. Each chapter describes

innovative and research-based applications of narratives such as movement stories, visual narratives to develop historical thinking, multimodal storytelling, bibliotherapy, mathematics stories, family stories, and social narratives. The chapters elaborate on the strength of narratives in supporting the whole child in diverse contexts from young children on the autism spectrum improving their social skills at school, to four- and five-year-olds developing historical thinking, to children who are refugees or asylum-seekers dealing with uncertainty and loss. Written by accomplished teachers, researchers, specialists, teaching artists and teacher educators from several countries and backgrounds, the book fills a gap in the literature on

narratives. "...this work delves into the topic of narratives in young children's lives with a breadth of topics and depth of study not found elsewhere." "Collectively, the insights of the contributors build a convincing case for emphasizing story across the various disciplines and developmental domains of the early childhood years." "The writing style is scholarly, yet accessible. Authors used a wide array of visual material to make their points clearer and show the reader what meaningful uses of story "look like"." Mary Renck Jalongo, Journal and Book Series Editor Springer Indiana, PA, USA
Pre-K Stories - Dana Frantz Bentley
2019-09-06
Pre-K Stories offers a lively exploration of how one classroom community played with and

collaboratively engaged in authorship. Through everyday stories, readers are invited to witness and engage with classroom practices that honor young children's brilliance and build on their questions, interests, and strengths. Weaving together literacy, language arts, social studies, science, mathematics, and more, the authors illustrate how curriculum can be authentically and meaningfully integrated. They also offer a unique perspective on the development of language and literacy practices by framing children's play narratives as the foundation from which rich curricula can grow. Pre-K Stories allows readers to experience the rich cadence of a classroom, while also coming to understand important theories that undergird early childhood teaching and young

children's learning. Book Features: Rich descriptions and examples of 4-year-old children's authoring and writing processes. Engaging narratives from the perspective of an early childhood teacher and students. A unique perspective on the development of language and literacy practices through children's play. A view of young children as powerful and capable of co-constructing curriculum with teachers. A dynamic approach that has broad implications for literacy and integrative curriculum practices in early childhood.

Threads of Thinking - Cathy Nutbrown
1999-07-23

The focus of Threads of Thinking is on children's patterns of learning and thinking, particularly schemas. However, the book as a whole is much

more than that and provides material for reflection by anyone working with and for young children. Many of the examples discussed are ones considered in the First Edition, but the changes Cathy Nutbrown has made throughout the book bring it right up to date, including some speculation on the ideas of a "Foundation Stage" in England. There is much here that is valuable for reading alone, but also a lot that could be shared by groups of people, including those already working in the field as well as those in training' - International Journal of Early Years Education
Language Stories & Literacy Lessons - Jerome Charles Harste 1984

The authors reveal children as growing, effective, sensitive users of language. Before any formal schooling, they have already had much

experience with language - opportunities to compare, contrast, and use it in a wide variety of settings. Children are adaptive, and are aware of the contextual subtleties of language; the written and spoken evidence of children's encounters with language is the basis of the research. This evidence tells stories - language stories, from which lessons about the nature of literacy may be drawn. While this is not a methods text in a traditional sense, it is essential reading for those wishing to update their understanding of what is known about written language and written language learning. (Teachers and graduate students in reading, writing, and language arts may wish to use this book in conjunction with The Authoring Cycle videotape series.)

Educational Encounters: Nordic Studies in Early Childhood Didactics - Niklas Pramling 2011-08-10

Qualitative analyses of young children's learning in natural settings are rare, so this new book will make educators sit up and pay attention. It lays out a Nordic, or continental European teaching and learning paradigm whose didactic framework is distinct from the Anglo-American system. This analysis, which features contributions and case studies from researchers in a range of subjects, is built on principles such as the learner's perspective, establishing sufficient intersubjectivity, 'pointing out', and informing experience linguistically. After clarifying some historical background, the book discusses the contemporary emphasis

in early childhood education on pedagogy/learning. What should 'didactics' mean in educating young children? The book examines the opportunities for learning that teachers provide for children in early childhood education, as well as how children respond to these opportunities. It presents empirical studies from a variety of naturalistic settings, including mathematics, making visual art, ecology, music, dance, literacy and story-telling, as well as learning about gender, morality and democracy. The authors seek to answer key questions about the processes involved in both teaching and learning. What challenges do teachers face as they try to expand children's knowledge in various fields of learning? How do they respond to

these challenges, and what can we learn about children's corresponding uptake? What now requires further research? One key distinction in researching children's learning is between studies that look at 'process' and those that analyze 'product'. In the tradition of Piaget, Vygotsky and Werner, as well as Mercer and Valsiner's more recent work, this book advocates the importance and relative rareness of the former type of study.

Early Childhood Curriculum - Claire McLachlan 2013-01-02

Provides a comprehensive introduction to curriculum theories, approaches and issues in early childhood settings.

The Early Literacy Handbook - Dominic Wyse 2013-03-27

The heart of this book is a new

approach to the teaching of language and literacy. Its focus is exemplary classroom practice built on rigorous theory and evidence. The approach combines new theory and dynamic practice in its advocacy for contextualised teaching. This book shows how the teaching of smaller units of language, such as sentences, words, letters and phonemes, follows naturally from the context of whole texts. The book offers: practical examples, photographs from settings, case studies and action points to help any practitioner working with young children to develop one of the most crucial life skills, advice on how to build on children's motivation using whole texts, clear guidance on phonics teaching in an appropriate context and a unique blend of new theory and dynamic practice.

Threads of Thinking - Cathy Nutbrown
2011-03-17

In her new edition of this popular book, Cathy Nutbrown presents evidence of continuity and progression in young children's thinking. She shows, with detailed observation, that they are able and active learners. She considers aspects of children's patterns of learning and thinking - or schemas - and demonstrates clearly how children learn in an active, dynamic and creative way. This book makes schema theory explicit in practice. Supported by numerous detailed examples and the discussion of difficult theoretical issues, it illustrates children's learning in areas such as literacy, maths and science. This new edition includes: - discussion on the need for

professional development - changes in early years pedagogy - more discussion of theories of learning in relation to curriculum and teaching practices - new examples of children's drawings - new suggestions for using stories to support schemas. Threads of Thinking is for early years practitioners who wish to support and develop children's learning. Professor Cathy Nutbrown is Director of Studies in Early Childhood Education at the University of Sheffield.

Learning Stories in Practice -
Margaret Carr 2019-05-17

The sequel to the ground-breaking Learning Stories, this book further discusses the philosophy behind the notion of narrative assessment while being practical guide on how to write 'good stories' and engage with a

range of audiences.

Emergent Literacy and Language Development - Paula M. Rhyner
2009-06-18

This concise, accessible book explores the connection between language acquisition and emergent literacy skills, and how this sets the stage for later literacy development. Chapters address formative early experiences such as speaking and listening, being read to, and talking about print concepts and the alphabet. Written for early childhood professionals, reading specialists, and speech–language pathologists, the book describes effective assessment and instructional approaches for fostering language learning and emergent literacy in typically developing children and those at risk

for language delays. Vivid case examples illustrate specific ways to collaborate with parents to give all children a strong foundation for school readiness and success.

Early Childhood Experiences in Language Arts: Early Literacy -

Jeanne M. Machado 2015-01-01

EARLY CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES IN LANGUAGE ARTS: EARLY LITERACY, Eleventh Edition responds to national legislation, professional standards, and public concern about the development of young children's language and foundational literacy skills by providing current research-based instructional strategies in early language development. Activities throughout emphasize the relationship between listening, speaking, reading, writing (print), and viewing in language arts areas.

This text addresses the cultural and ethnic diversity of children and provides techniques and tips for adapting curricula. Theory is followed by how-to suggestions and plentiful examples of classic books and stories, poems, finger plays, flannel board and alphabet experiences, puppetry, language games, drama, and phonemic and phonetic awareness activities. Students will also learn how, as teachers, they can best interact with children to promote appropriate language development, and how they can create a print-rich environment in the classroom. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Early Years Stories for the

Foundation Stage - Mal Leicester
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Following on from the success of Mal Leicester's previous books *Stories for Classroom and Assembly* and *Stories for Inclusive Schools*, this book shows how to make use of the learning power of story-time for young children, providing original, themed stories and associated learning activities to promote young children's cognitive and emotional development. Stories in this highly practical resource stimulate the child's interest and acts as a springboard to related learning games designed to develop children's skills in the six foundation areas of learning: personal, social and emotional development communication, language and literacy mathematical development knowledge and

understanding of the world physical development creative development. Beautifully illustrated throughout, with extensive photocopiable material, this book recognizes the importance of play, games, social

interaction, parental involvement, multicultural education and how to enjoy learning from an early age. All Early Years practitioners will find this book an essential addition to their bookshelves.