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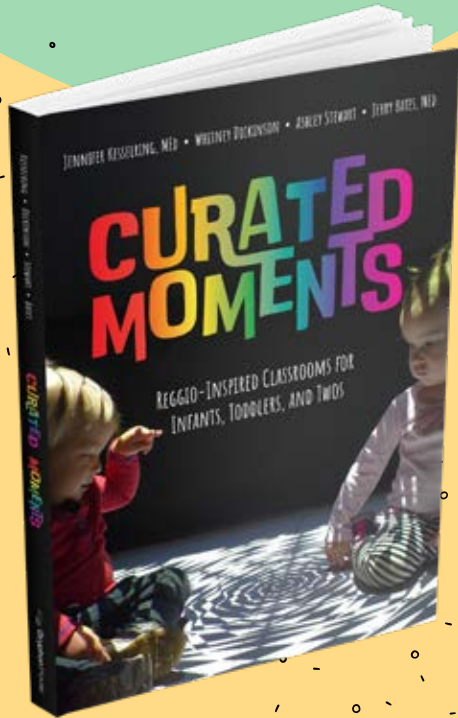
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Curated Moments

Reggio-Inspired Classrooms for
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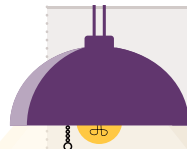
Witness the magic of open-ended exploration and the wonder of learning through play.

As a nurturing caregiver, you have precious opportunities to ignite curiosity in the infants, toddlers, and twos you care for. Let *Curated Moments* be your guide to unlocking the possibilities of the Reggio Emilia approach for your littlest learners. Transform your space into a sensory wonderland overflowing with joyful inquiry.

Inside, you'll discover:

- **the art of curating moments:** Craft irresistible invitations with "intelligent materials" that spark exploration.
- **how to design experiences that intrigue:** Find step-by-step guidance on creating playful experiences to nurture curiosity, thinking, collaboration, and communication.
- **how to notice the big ideas and concepts** that children are exploring and use your observations to ask questions and develop next steps.
- **real-life examples:** Witness the magic of provocations in action, specifically tailored for infants, toddlers, and twos.

Every experience matters for developing minds. By curating intentional moments, you cultivate a foundation for learning and a love of exploration that last a lifetime



HIGHLIGHTS

- ||| Gorgeous photography of ideas in action
- ||| Helpful examples of how to observe, record, reflect, and choose what's next
- ||| Methods for incorporating technology in innovative and age-appropriate ways

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Loose Parts Alive

Inspiring Child-Led Nature Explorations



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Unleash the Magic of Nature's Playthings

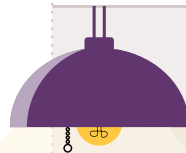
Imagine a learning space infused with life, where curiosity thrives and imaginations bloom. *Loose Parts Alive* invites you to unlock the extraordinary potential of living loose parts: plants, animals, and even your bodies! Beyond blocks and buttons, discover how:

- the movements of a fish can spark STEM explorations.
- a caterpillar's metamorphosis can nurture wonder and language.
- sun-soaked leaves can inspire vibrant artwork and investigations of light and shadow.

This transformative guide, grounded in developmentally appropriate practice, Reggio Emilia's child-led explorations, Montessori's hands-on learning, and reverence for nature, empowers you to:

- integrate living loose parts seamlessly and confidently.
- embrace open-ended play, fostering critical thinking and creativity.
- nurture a deep connection with nature in children.
- witness the joy of child-led discovery unfolding organically.

Filled with field-tested activities and inspiring examples, practical tips, and stunning photography showcasing real-life implementation, *Loose Parts Alive* is an invitation to step outside the ordinary, embrace the boundless wonder of nature, and witness the magic of learning. Are you ready to ignite the spark?



HIGHLIGHTS

- ▨ Nature-based explorations inspire rich questioning and learning.
- ▨ Hands-on experiences nurture children's love of and respect for nature.
- ▨ Opportunities for language, gross and fine motor, science, and math learning abound.



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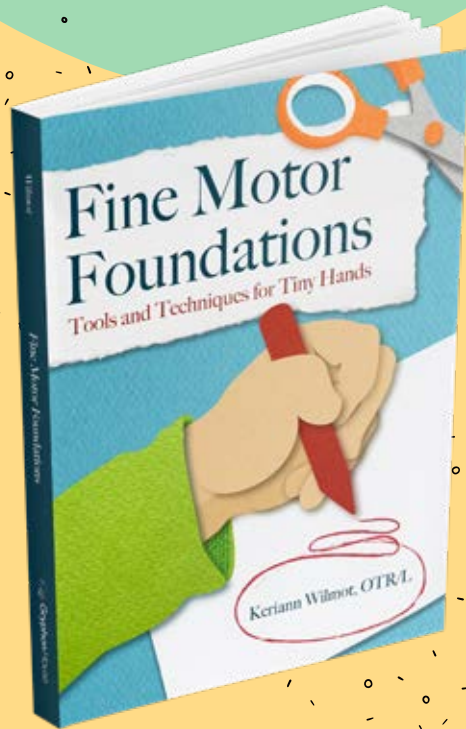


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Fine Motor Foundations

Tools and Techniques for Tiny Hands



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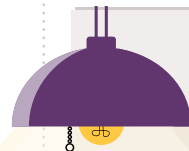


Scoop, pull, twist, grip, pinch, zip, button, squeeze, and snip!

Do children in your class struggle with holding writing tools comfortably? cutting with scissors accurately? completing self-care tasks such as dressing and using eating utensils? This practical guide, written by a pediatric occupational therapist, equips you with the tools to empower children's fine motor development! Inside, you'll discover:

- **Age-specific milestones:** Gain insight into typical fine motor skill progression for children from toddlers to preschoolers to early elementary students.
- **Ready-to-use activities:** Integrate engaging, developmentally appropriate exercises into your lessons to address key skills such as grasping, writing, and visual perception.
- **Differentiation strategies:** Tailor activities to meet individual needs.
- **Classroom adaptations:** Learn how to modify seating, tools, and tasks to create an inclusive learning environment that supports all abilities.
- **Collaboration tips:** Partner with families and therapists to provide seamless support for children's development.

Perfect for early childhood educators and special-education teachers, *Fine Motor Foundations* includes valuable resources for toy recommendations, skill-based activity lists, and downloadable materials to empower children, build their confidence, and develop their skills.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover why hand strength and dexterity are keys to success in school.
- Learn why core strength is important for fine motor development.
- Find out how a child's grip progresses throughout development.
- Learn how to use materials you already have in your classroom to support children's hand strength.



Kerriann Wilmot, OTR/L, also known as the "Toy Queen," is a pediatric occupational therapist with over 20 years of experience, a toy expert, and a parent of a child with special needs. Professionally, she specializes in working with infants and young children with ADHD, autism, sensory processing issues, and other physical disabilities, and their families. You can learn more on her website: <https://toyqueen.com>.

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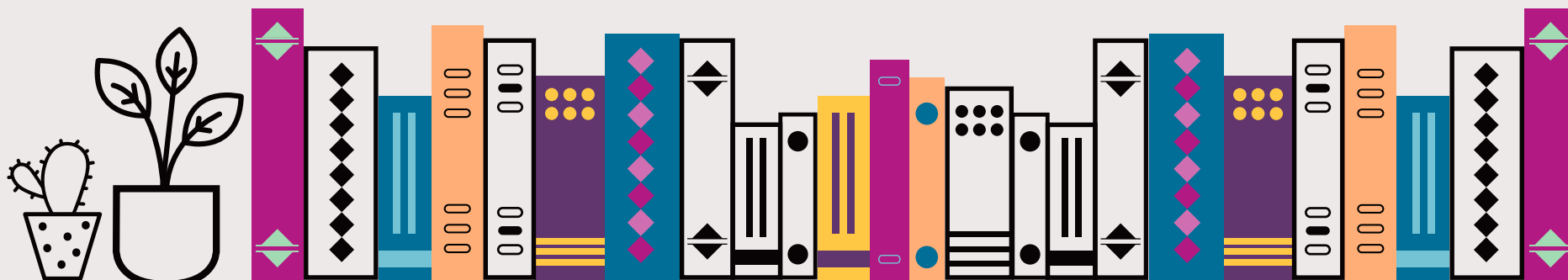
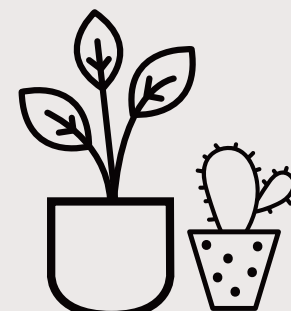
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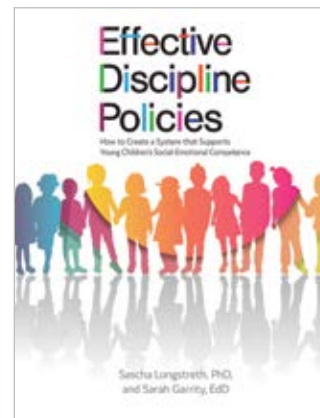
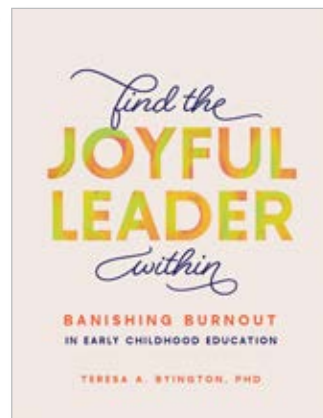
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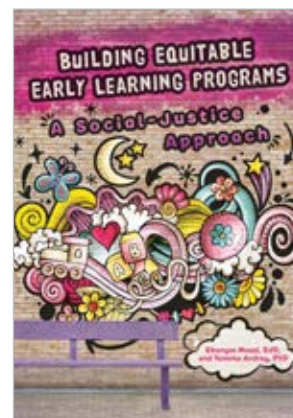
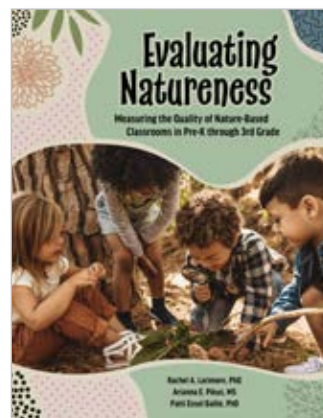
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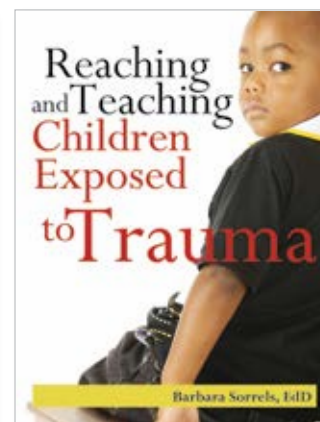
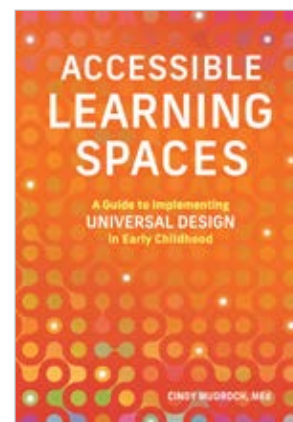
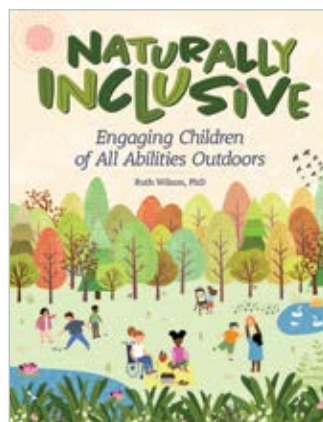
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