Websites for Early Childhood Educators

These sites provide activity ideas for teachers and parents, as well as expert advice regarding the education of young children.

Born Learning - www.monroeunitedway.org/bornlearning.htm
This United Way initiative is designed to help parents, caregivers and communities support early childhood development with information on stages of development, and research-based ideas for turning everyday moments into fun learning opportunities for young children.

DLTK's Crafts for Kids - www.dltk-kids.com/
Provides a variety of fun, printable children's crafts, coloring pages and more, including projects for holidays and other seasonal activities, and educational themes. You can also search for crafts by type of material used.

EarlyChildhood.Com - www.earlychildhood.com/
Information, products and ideas for parents and teachers. Includes "Teacher QuickSource" and "Early Childhood News" section with classroom ideas for seasonal, age-appropriate activities.

Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children - www.iaeyc.org/
IAEYC promotes and supports quality care and education for all young children, birth through age eight, in Indiana. Find information on state conferences, public policies and current issues relating to the care of young children.

Indiana Department of Education: Early Childhood Education - www.doe.in.gov/achievement/curriculum/early-childhood-education
Provides information on the care of young children through various initiatives including: The Foundations to the Indiana Academic Standards, the Indiana Birth to Age 5 Literacy Framework and the ISTAR-KR Assessment. See also: Indiana Academic Standards for Early Learning & Literacy Foundations.

Monroe Smart Start: Birth to Five Coalition - monroesmartstart.org/
Coalition of public and private organizations, businesses, and parents working together to ensure that local children enter school healthy, well-cared for, and ready to succeed in school and in life. Site includes a directory of local services, organizations, and businesses serving young children.

NAEYC - National Association for the Education of Young Children - www.naeyc.org/
Information about the organization, as well as publications and position statements on issues relating to teaching young children.

Reading Rockets: For Preschool and Childcare - www.readingrockets.org/audience/professionals/preschool/
This national multimedia project offers research-based and best-practice information on teaching kids to read and helping those who struggle. Includes special sections on early literacy development, and quality preschool and childcare.

RIF - Reading is Fundamental - www.rif.org/kids/leadingtoreading/en/leadingtoreading.htm
This section of the RIF site, provides activities to help children between the ages of 0 and 5 discover the joy of reading. Includes nursery rhymes, fingerplays, games, and information for grown-ups, too.

The Whole Child - www.pbs.org/wholechild/
See the ABC's of Child Development, which covers general information about ages and stages. A section of this site is devoted to childcare providers, with tips and activity ideas to help classroom teachers. Topics include helping children develop self-control, fostering creativity, and the development of language skills.

Zero to Three [14] - www.zerotothree.org/ [14]

National, nonprofit organization that promotes the health and development of infants and toddlers. See the *Little Kids, Big Questions* section featuring podcasts on some of the most common (and challenging) issues facing parents of babies and toddlers. Also includes information on child care and school readiness.

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Links:

[1] http://www.monroeunitedway.org/bomlearning.htm
[2] http://www.dfik-kids.com/
[3] http://www.dfik-kids.com/type/index.htm
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[5] http://www.naeyc.org/
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