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- TKP Implementation
- Common Core State Standards lesson plans
- More You Tube videos
- Development of a Members Only portal on our website.

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### CKA on Facebook!

Have a comment? Want to chat about kindergarten issues? Wondering what we've been up to? Come join us on Facebook and connect with other CKA members!

Be sure to check out our "Tuesday Teaching Tip" every week on Facebook!

## California Kindergarten Association E-News

### 30th Annual California Kindergarten Conference!

***There's Still Time to Register!*** Come and enjoy up to three days of activities that you will not want to miss, including and all day PreConference Institute session with Dr. Jean Feldman, Keynote Speakers Ronald Mah and Dr. Jean, a transitional kindergarten strand, commercial and art exhibits and much, much more! [Click here](#) to download a copy of the conference brochure. Purchase orders **are being** accepted.

***Administrators Free!*** Would you like your administrator to spend some time in kindergarten? Bring them with you to the conference **free of charge with four paid registrations from the same district.** All five registrations need to be received in the same envelope. Please write "administrator" at the top of the registration form.

For information visit

[http://www.californiakindergartenassociation.org/.](http://www.californiakindergartenassociation.org/)

### The First Day of Kindergarten

The Kindergarten teacher knows that the first day should be the happiest day of the child's life. I want to tell you about the first day of Kindergarten in my class.

Before the first day of Kindergarten, Mother and child receive an invitation to this special day. This invitation from the teacher tells them that they will receive a map of the room showing where everything lives in the Kindergarten. When they find the plates all numbered in a row, with the number and picture to match (five will have five turtles painted on the plate) they will choose a plate for their own. When they bring it to the teacher, she will write their name on the back and then Mother and child will

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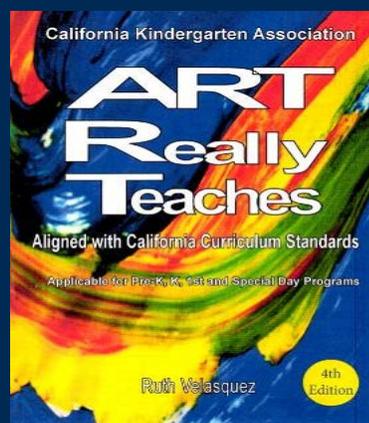
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## Art Really Teaches 4th Edition

The new, 140 page 4<sup>th</sup> Edition is bigger and better! The new edition includes new color photos of art projects by four-, five-, and six-year-old artists from throughout the state, tips for framing artwork, and a project title index as well as over 400 activities to help you teach the standards in Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science and Visual Art.



*ART Really Teaches* helps you teach academic standards the way children learn best—with hands-on art projects. It's a must for Kindergarten teachers. The cost is \$35 plus shipping and handling. To order yours today and put it to use in your

return it to its home.

Birthdays are very important in the Kindergarten. Every child's birthday is put up on the Birthday Boards for everyone to see. When they find the row of Birthday Boards all covered with the seasonal color of each month during the year, they will show the teacher the day they will celebrate their birthday in Kindergarten. She writes their name on this special day.

They will have discovered on their twenty minute stay that a Catalpa Tree looks in at the window on the East side of the room. On the North side of the room where the North Star is on the ceiling, there is a picture of a large tree with bare branches covering the wall. How is this tree different from the tree that grows next to our Kindergarten Classroom? Yes, this tree is in need of leaves this time of year, so we will make some when the Kindergarten child comes tomorrow, or you could make some at home and bring them when you come through the Garden Gate tomorrow morning. The teacher will be waiting for you to come into your own Kindergarten room.

**Betty Peck** has over 50 years experience as a Kindergarten teacher and consultant in mainstream education. She was the 1985 Saratoga Citizen of the Year and founder of the Saratoga Community Garden, an educational organic garden for school children.



Betty is author of "**FREEING CHILDREN'S CREATIVE POTENTIAL!**", an essential resource for teachers and parents who want to give their children a more meaningful education. What can children gain from the treasured world of childhood that will enrich their adult lives? Betty celebrates the power of Kindergarten to help children find their creativity and imagination, opening the door to a passionate relationship with learning.

Betty will be contributing "Letters from Betty" to our E-News on a periodic basis.

## Want One-on-One Art Help?

This year's Silent Auction at the California Kindergarten Conference will offer Bay Area teachers the opportunity to bid on a visit from art committee members to their classrooms *and* one of their colleague's classrooms. The purpose of the visit to two

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classrooms: engagement of their students in a creative art lesson!

Photos of students, their teachers and the art work will be taken and posted in an article in Take 5 and/or on our website.

Art Divas Linda Becker, Stephanie Figula, Ann Krause and Carol Seuferer, all Kindergarten teachers from West Contra Costa Unified School District, volunteered to travel together to the winning bidders' school.

## Transitional Kindergarten Implementation Summit

The TK Implementation Summit was held on November 8<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento with conversation about how to effectively implement transitional kindergarten. CKA, a cosponsor of this summit, manned an information table at the event and contributed to planning efforts. [Click here](#) for videos and written materials from the Summit. Many thanks to Preschool California for providing these wonderful, informational materials.

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