



California Kindergarten Association E-News

***P K I* - A Conference for Preschool, Kindergarten and First Grade Educators**

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Common Core State Standards!

The State Board of Education adopted Common Core State Standards for K-12 students in language arts and mathematics to replace the California Academic Standards in those subject areas. Each month CKA will select a standard and offer activities, lesson plans and/or resources to help teachers meet these new standards.

March's CCSS is contributed by several individuals. [Click here](#) to view the activities that address the Common Core State Standards on Physical Development and Movement.

Conference Name Change - The California Kindergarten Association is proud to announce the new name for the California Kindergarten Conference. ***P K I* - A conference for Preschool, Kindergarten and First Grade Educators** was suggested to us by Harriet Geraci of San Jose. This new name encompasses all early childhood educators - from preschool through first grade - not just kindergarten. Harriet will receive free registration to the ***P K I*** conference in January.

We're Looking for Speakers for the 2013 *P K I* Conference! The ***P K I*** Conference Committee is now accepting applications to present at the conference on January 19th and 20th at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara. Please [click here](#) for a Call for Proposals. Deadline for submitting application is April 15, 2011.

San Jose State University Students' Letters - Any participant at the California Kindergarten Conference realizes how beneficial the conference is and what high quality professional development it offers. Two [San Jose State University students](#) shared their thoughts after experiencing the Conference.

Save Your Spring Art! -

Calling all Pre-K, K and 1st Grade teachers! Now is the time to send in art work created by your students. These projects will be mounted for display at the 2013 Young Children's Art Exhibit in January.

All entries must have *minimum* teacher involvement and *maximum* student effort. [Click here](#) for information and required submission forms and raffle tickets.



What's New On Our Website?

New to our website this month...

[Physical Development Activities & Lesson Plans](#)

[Learning to Move and Moving to Learn by Robin D. Reese](#)

[PE Resources and TK Posters](#)

[Kaplan's TK Catalog](#)

[Musical PE Plus Video](#)

JOIN CKA and become part of a network of educators who want kindergarten to be the best it can be! This year CKA members can look forward to:

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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Note: All teachers submitting art work by November 1st will have the opportunity to win a free 2013 *P K I* Conference registration. The more art entries submitted, the greater your chance of winning.

Art Contributor Photo Display - Each teacher submitting art work is invited to send a personal photo. These photos will be featured in a special display at the Art Exhibit.

Kaplan's Transitional Kindergarten Catalog

Announcing the Kaplan 2012 Transitional Kindergarten Catalogs. Debra Weller, kindergarten teacher and CKA Board member, worked with Kaplan to develop the web based catalogs.

The catalog links are divided into curricular areas to facilitate finding the products:

[Active Play, Art, BlockPlay, Classroom Literature, Dramatic Play, Literacy and Puzzles, Math, Music, Sand and Water, Science, and Social Studies.](#)



Wanted - CKA Board Members!

The CKA Board of Directors will have openings in January, 2013. The deadline for applications is May 1st. If you have ever considered giving your energies to CKA, contact us at cka@ckanet.org to receive information and an application candidacy.

CAEYC's "Technology in K-2 Classrooms"

Thanks to all the educators who responded to our request in which we asked you how you use technology in your classroom. [Click here](#) for the article which was published in the Winter edition of *Connections*, the journal of the California Association for the Education of Young Children, our collaborative early childhood education partner.

and connect with other CKA members!

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

Your ideas were so tremendous and they opened up such rich discussions about the appropriate role for technology in a developmentally appropriate classroom that stimulates students' social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development. We decided to do periodic postings in e-News about promising technology resources, websites, search engines, software, and hardware and research links. We hope you will continue to contribute to the dialogue about how best to use technology with young children.

Innovative Ideas Grants

CKA is offering an Innovative Ideas Grant of \$150 for the development and implementation of appropriate environment, curricula or classroom projects to meet the diverse needs of young children. Our mission is to facilitate quality education for all kindergarten children. We aim to advance the professionalism of early childhood educators; promote an understanding of how young children learn and develop; contribute to and promote the seamless transition from preschool to kindergarten and beyond.

Proposals will be evaluated on: Title; Goals and Objectives; Description of Project/Activities; Relevant Research and Theory; Benefit to Children; Evaluation; Project Timeline; Proposed Budget; Resume/Educational Background; Two Current Professional Letters of Reference.

The [Grant Application and Guidelines](#) are available as a download on the CKA website, www.californiakindergartenassociation.org Grant applications are due by May 1, 2012 and will be awarded by June 30, 2012. Grantees will be introduced at the California Kindergarten Conference on Sunday, January 20, 2013. Applicants should be current members in good standing of CKA.

Educational Resources to Help Educators

[Orange County Early Childhood 7th Annual Collaborative Conference](#) - "A Day of Play" featuring a Play Symposium Workshop with Dr. Walter Drew, Hands-On Science with Susan Wood and Music & Movement with Ronnie Silverston. May 12, 2012 in Costa Mesa.

[Orange County Association for the Education of Young Children](#) - March, 2012 Newsletter.

[Traitional Kindergarten Institute](#) - Learn about best practices and strategies for TK classrooms, gather ideas to support planning and implementation and collaborate with colleagues. May 5, 2012 in Costa Mesa.

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