

Call for Spring Art!
Calling all Pre-K, K, and 1st Grade Teachers!

Did you know you can help support CKA at no cost to yourself? Any time you shop on Amazon after following any link on our site (you'll find one on our home page) CKA receives a percentage of the sale and the price for the shopper remains the same. Thanks for your support and spread the word! Ready to get shopping? [Click here!](#)



Now is the time to send in art work created by your students. These projects will be mounted by the CKA Art Committee for display at the 2013 Young Children's Art Exhibit in January in Santa Clara. All entries must have *minimum* teacher involvement and *maximum* student effort. No pattern or ditto projects will be accepted. The required [Art Information Sheet](#) for each class project can be downloaded at the CKA website:

Note: All teachers submitting their students' art work by November 1st will have the opportunity to win a free 2013 *P K 1* Conference registration by downloading a [raffle ticket](#) at the CKA website and including it with the art work. The more art entries and coupons submitted, the greater your chance of winning.

What's New on Our Website?

New to our website this month...

- [Resources for Block Play](#)
- [Block Play Activities and Lesson Plans for Preschool, Kindergarten and 1st Grade \(including clean-up procedures and assessment\)](#)



Each teacher submitting artwork is invited to send a personal photo. These photos will be featured in a special display in the Art Exhibit. Please send the art, Information Sheet(s), personal photo, and coupon(s) to: Pat Rees-Miller, CKA Art Exhibit Co-Chair, 10 Bella Vista, Belevedere, CA 94920.

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:

Educational Software for Guiding Instruction

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

[Click here to join!](#)

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!

Art Really Teaches 4th Edition

The new, 140 page 4th 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.

Educational Software for Guiding Instruction (ESGI) is a platform that allows teachers to add their tests, administer them 3 times faster, and gives them analyses and parent reports with the click of a button. 92% of our users renew their next year. With a risk free 60-day Trial, no credit card needed, teachers should definitely try it if they currently check off assessments on paper. It is preloaded with common assessments like letters, sounds, sight words, etc. The information below is focused on Math. We also have some preloaded assessments, and free practice-sheets on our site.

MATH TESTS: Currently, we have 4 **math tests** that are preloaded:

- Shapes,
- Number Recognition,
- Patterning,
- Coin Recognition.
- Any other tests can easily be added by teachers.

MATH RESOURCES: On our site, we have some **Freebie resources** (<http://www.esgisoftware.com/ESGI/#freebies.aspx>), including:

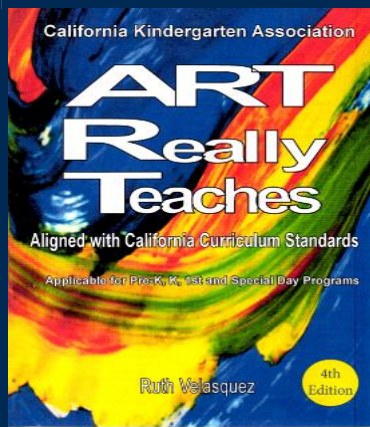
- Number writing practice (K.CC.3)
- Number Recognition Activity (K.CC.1)
- Basic Shapes drawing practice (K.G.5)
- Hundreds Chart (K.CC.1)

VIDEO LINK: The link to our video (3 min) is below. It has a promo code in the link which will give anyone who clicks it, watches the video, and then signs up for a **60-Day Free Trial, \$50 off their first year** (if they decide to purchase after the trial.)
http://www.esgisoftware.com/ESGI/?promo=CKANEWS2012#intro_video.aspx

Read NAEYC's New Report on Kindergarten Readiness Assessments

Over the past few years, interest in assessing children as they enter kindergarten has gained momentum in states. The [Center for Applied Research](#) at NAEYC has developed a new report to support states' development and implementation of kindergarten readiness assessment systems. [Click here](#) for the free report, "Developing Kindergarten Readiness and Other Large Scale Assessment Systems".

Upcoming Events



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 classroom, please contact First Stage Publishing at (707)664-0164 or email them at FirstStageco@aol.com or www.firststagepublishing.com.

Kindergarten Forum - **Brain-sight: How Our Senses Work Together to Form Perceptions.** Presenter Ken Wesson, educational consultant/speaker in neuroscience. Saturday, June 16th, at 14275 Saratoga Avenue in Saratoga, CA. Contact Anna Rainville at annarainville@aol.com for information.

Preschool California Webinar on Formative Assessment, Tuesday, June 19th at 3:00 p.m. The call in number is [1-866-710-1279](tel:1-866-710-1279) and the passcode is 56647. Register with Preschool California ahead of time to be put on its mailing list to receive the email with the webinar link. To see the slides and hear the speakers, click on the link in the email announcement and dial the number shown above. You will be asked for your passcode, your name and affiliation -- you can tell them your district or CKA.

((916)780-5331

Fax:

Email:

www.californiakindergartenassociation.org

(916)780-5330

cka@ckanet.org

[Click to view this email in a browser](#)

If you no longer wish to receive these emails, please reply to this message with "Unsubscribe" in the subject line or simply click on the following link: [Unsubscribe](#)

California Kindergarten Association
1014 Chippendale Way
Roseville, California 95661
US

[Read](#) the VerticalResponse marketing policy.

